

(Salt Lake)

<sup>the</sup> In <sup>Tennessee</sup> New York today Frank Costello, alleged

to be the big boss of the gambling racket, hurled an outright defiance at the Senate Crime Investigating Committee. ~~He~~ stalked out of the hearing, with the statement -- that "under no condition" would he give further testimony.)

This followed a plea, in which Costello told the Committee he was ill, and asked to be excused from further testimony for some time to come. The committee denied the request, and that was followed by the walkout -- the reputed lord of gambling defying the Senate Committee.

The response was immediate -- Senator Kefauver of Tennessee, the committee chairman stating he would ask the Senate to issue a warrant for the arrest of Costello and cite him for contempt of Congress.

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CRIME INVESTIGATION

Previously The Senate Crime Investigators <sup>had</sup> heard their most gorgeous witness today. Gorgeous is the word -- for Virginia Hill, who has been in the headlines as the <sup>girl</sup> ~~great~~ friend of the late <sup>(Hollywood gangster)</sup> ~~Bugsie Siegel~~. It was in Virginia Hill's palacial Hollywood home that Bugsie was shot to death -- a victim of the wars of the underworld.

Facing the crime investigating committee in New York today, the gorgeous witness was so nervous her silver blue mink was all atremble. Today's news dispatch says "the mink trembled as if it were alive." That's the way Virginia Hill was shaking, as she answered questions about her association with such top underworld figures as Frank Costello, <sup>and</sup> Joe Adonis not to mention the late boyfriend Bugsie Siegel.

She gave sumptuous ~~an~~ expensive parties for them, and the Senate Investigators asked - where did she get the money? She said Bugsie Siegel gave her a lot of cash, and bought a house for her in Florida. "I used to play the horses, too," she ~~xxx~~ added.

("I don't know if that's wrong. The money I won I used for savings.")

She was asked if she ~~xx~~ knew Joe Epstein who was an accountant for Bugsie Siegel enterprises. She replied that Epstein handled her affairs, and the Bugsie Siegel accountant gave her money whenever she needed it. ~~She was asked how much ~~xxxxxx~~ wealth she had right now. But finally said: ~~xx~~ About Fifteen thousand in cash.~~ (As for the fabulous parties she gave for lords of the underworld, she denied that they were intended to promote "business" activities. The word "business" in this instance might have an underworld ~~xxxxxx~~ implication.)

Virginia Hill said her last fling, swanky and expensive, was just before her marriage - when at Sun Valley she spent ~~xxxx~~ Eleven Thousand Dollars in six weeks. Which certainly has a swanky, expensive sound. That money she said was the "gift of friends". Shortly afterward she married Hans Hauser, an Austrian ski instructor. Ending it all with wedding bells.

FOLLOW CRIME INVESTIGATION

Virginia testified that on one occasion Bugsie Siegel reproved her because she socked another woman in a night club. "He told me I wasn't a lady" said she. Then, when ~~HE~~<sup>she</sup> left the witness stand she turned on the reporters and photographers -- in a fury, which is described by the news dispatch as follows: "In an elevator she clipped a lady reporter and called her a bum. Then she slapped a male newsman. When a reporter followed her and opened the door of her taxi she clubbed him on the ~~arm~~<sup>arm</sup> with her shoe. "I hate you all" she screamed. "You're worse than snakes". All added to the excitement of the testimony given by the gorgeous witness.

In the New York spy trial Harry Gold,

who has confessed Red espionage testified today that

he <sup>informed a</sup> ~~told~~ Soviet agents about the first atom bomb test,

on the New Mexican desert, one month before it happened.

He says he told a Russian spy all about the plans

for exploding the first atomic bomb, that famous

experiment.

CONFERENCE

At the conference of the Deputy Foreign Ministers in Paris today, the West offered proposals -- but these were accepted ~~gm~~ coldly by Soviet representative Gromyko. (~~The chief point in the matter concerns the rearmament of western Germany, as planned by the western powers.~~ <sup>R</sup> Soviet Russia is bitterly opposed and demanded that this be a cardinal issue at any major conference of the Foreign Ministers of the Big Four, which they are now trying to arrange. Gromyko wanted the agenda of such a conference to feature a prohibition of all German ~~armament.~~ Today, <sup>R</sup>) The western powers offered a compromise in which they ~~xxx~~ for the first time consented to discuss what the offer calls the "demilitarization of Germany." <sup>R</sup> But, apparently the wording doesn't suit the Russians, because Gromyko immediately indicated that it would ~~be~~ not be satisfactory. However, he said he would have to consult Moscow first, before giving a final ~~xxx~~ answer.

# KOREA

The big news from Korea is the capture of Hongchong. That strategic point in the mountains of central Korea, was the main supply base of the Sixty-Sixth Chinese Communist Army, ~~twenty-one miles to the south of the Thirty-Eighth Parallel.~~ <sup>R</sup> The news has been stating for days that any Red defense below the Parallel would have to be based on Hongchong. So, therefore, the Reds could be expected to defend it with desperation -- if they intended to make a stand. But Hongchong fell without resistance today -- hardly a shot fired. <sup>R</sup> ~~The way was paved by a thrust of the mechanized American Cavalry, units of which drove around to the West, and outflanked the city. The Reds cleared out. Later enemy mortars on a hill out-side~~ ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Hongchong opened fire with a series of bursting shells that were mighty annoying. American guns opened fire -- to ~~XXXXX~~ knock out the enemy position.)

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Seoul was firmly in allied hands today -- after the quick entrance of allied forces ~~xxx~~ yesterday.

The capture of ~~Korea~~ <sup>Seoul</sup> now under full and formal occupation.

The story is the same along the entire battlefront -- mighty little fighting. The Reds -- continuing their mysterious withdrawal. At ~~one~~ only one point, in the East--Central mountains, was there a real fight -- when the Communists ~~met~~ met American infantry with a hail of fire from small arms. American planes and artillery went promptly into action, blasted the Reds from their strongholds -- and ~~the~~ the advance continued. Strict military secrecy covers the exact positions of our troops -- but, tonight, advance parties must be mighty near the Thirty-Eighth Parallel.

MACARTHUR

(The war news puts new emphasis on the political question of the Parallel -- shall the U N troops cross it?) And there is further emphasis in a statement by General MacArthur today. He replies to a query cabled by Hugh Baillie, President of the United Press. Hugh Baillie sent one brief question, as follows: "How many troops would be required to ~~hold~~ hold the Thirty-Eighth Parallel inviolate?" <sup>H</sup> The direct MacArthur answer on that point is that ~~it~~ it would take as much military power to hold the Parallel as it would to go on and drive the Chinese Communists out of North Korea. The reason being -- that the Thirty-Eighth Parallel, that mythical, geographical line, has no relation to military defense. The terrain along the Parallel is not at all adapted to the establishment of <sup>defensive</sup> ~~military~~ ~~positions~~ positions. We cannot establish a <sup>fortified</sup> ~~defense~~ line along the Thirty-Eighth Parallel, or anywhere near it -- so states General MacArthur.

Which means, says he, that it would have to

be a continuing war of manoeuver. That is, constant thrusts against the enemy, with opposing armies moving in a <sup>chess</sup> game of war. (In that sense, MacArthur would have to send his troops across the Parallel-- according to the tactics of military manoeuver. So the battle ~~would~~ <sup>would</sup> just keep going on, back and forth.-- even though ~~there were no regular invasion of North Korea -- it would be~~ costly in terms of American lives and military ~~xx~~ equipment -- as costly as it would be to drive the Reds out of Korea all together, <sup>and</sup> establish a defense line on the Yalu River, that boundary between Korea and Manchuria.)

Point<sup>ing</sup> out all this, General MacArthur, states that the question of an all-out drive across the Parallel into North Korea is a matter beyond his authority -- something to be decided at higher political levels, the U.N. But he calls emphatic attention to the heavy cost of a long drawn-out battle of manoeuver, continual fighting back and forth, the ~~sectors~~ along the Parallel.

**FOLLOW MACARTHUR**

~~Statement~~ -- (President Truman states it

is up to General MacArthur to decide whether or not to cross the Thirty-Eighth Parallel -- as a matter of tactics in the course of military operations.)

The President refused to comment on today's MacArthur statement, but indicated that the Supreme Commander would use his own judgment about crossing the line in maneuvers of battle.

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## TIBET

Today's news gives us an answer to explain the Chinese puzzle in Tibet. Why, after all the loud and threatening talk a few months ago, the Reds have achieved so little on the Roof of the World. Their forces which were driving for a speedy capture of Lhasa, are still some three hundred miles away from the Holy City of the Tibetan Buddhists. And -- the whole thing seems to have got around to political compromise.

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This Chinese newspaperman states that the forces ordered into Tibet ~~was~~ was the Red Second Army, which ran into difficulties -- forced to build its own road and supply the invading troops by air. Now, that Second Army is being taken out -- ordered to Korea to fill the gap of the losses inflicted by MacArthur. This informant goes on to say that ~~now~~, the Chinese Reds are forced to use political strategy in Tibet, trying to intimidate the Government of the Dalai Lama, ~~and use the devices~~ <sup>with tactics</sup> of Communist propaganda and agitation.

~~All of which might well explain the turn of events in that remote land of Lamas and monasteries -- which, a few months ago seemed a sure victim of Red invasion. Now we hear of <sup>a</sup> political deal which would allow the Tibetans to remain under the traditional rule of the Dalai Lama, while the Chinese Reds would control foreign relations and garrison <sup>some</sup> frontier posts.~~

## KLONDIKE

A change went into effect today -- in one of the wild romantic areas of this globe. Dawson is no longer the capital of the Yukon Territory --

(Dawson, that rip-snorting gold camp, which created legends in the Klondike half a century ago.)

The capital of that far north land of gold and romance is now transferred from Dawson to Whitehorse, at the head of the Yukon River - three hundred and twenty miles to the ~~south~~ south. Which now has far more people and more modern conveniences. Better fitted to be the capital of a million square miles of Canadian territory. This by vote of the Canadian Parliament.

But there was opposition -- based on old time sentiment. There was plenty of recollection of the golden days of Dawson and the Klondike. The M P from the Yukon Territory, J.A. Simmons, said: "It is a mistake. In the minds of the world Dawson is the Capital of the North. There is the last resting place of the pioneers and trail blazers who opened up the

north." That is, the pioneers of that wild treasure hunt, fifty-three years ago -- the Klondike gold rush. The Trail of '98.

Well, that former Capital of the North, which once had a teeming population of gold seekers, remittance men, gamblers, dance hall girls, was the spectacular metropolis of the northern wilderness. -- Now it has only a few hundred inhabitants. And today - no longer the capital of the Yukon, the Klondike. "Sic transit gloria mundi" as the old saying goes.

MOTHER

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New charges were made today against the mother of movie star Peggy Ann Garner, which certainly makes things painful for the one-time child actress who continues on as a headliner. <sup>HP</sup> Mrs. Virginia Craig Garner is already under accusation, arrested at Dallas, Texas, a month ago -- for department store swindles.

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~~It is alleged that she got Three Hundred Dollars worth of clothing by charging the articles to people whose names she took from the telephone book. And -- there are two similar charges at Fort Worth. <sup>HP</sup>~~

HP The latest comes from Waukegan, Illinois where a nineteen year old waitress has sworn out a warrant charging Mrs. Garner with having cheated her out of four hundred and fifty dollars, all her savings. She says that they met at a country club last summer, and the mother of the movie actress told her she ought to be in Hollywood, ~~whereupon Mrs. Garner~~ <sup>and</sup> offered to get the waitress a job in pictures -- in return for Five Hundred Dollars. ~~the~~ <sup>she</sup> girl had only Four Hundred and Fifty ~~was~~ <sup>which</sup> saved up, ~~and~~ she handed ~~that~~ over. She

never heard from Mrs. Garner again.

All this comes as Peggy Ann Garner is on a honeymoon in New York, having married Richard Hayes, a singer. You can imagine her feelings.

*Today,*  
There her newly married husband said: "We've done all we can. Peggy Ann has done her best to straighten out this tragedy, but there is only so much a human being can do." Tragedy would seem to be the word -- tragedy for the young picture star.

*And Nelson - that brings us to you.*

BANDIT

Philadelphia  
In a robbery, the sharp eyes of the police  
detected the evidence that it was a kissing bandit.

Yet, that sentimental clue might have remained forever  
unknown.

The cops were called by Mrs. Barbara Cohen,  
twenty years old, who runs things in a hosiery shop.--  
and she, <sup>she</sup> In a state of agitation, told how the robber  
came in, drew a gun, and forced her to hand over  
Four hundred and thirty-five dollars from the cash  
register. She gave a description of the crook - young  
with bushy blond hair. But -- that was all. <sup>HP</sup> The  
police, however, noticed that Barbara's lipstick  
was out of order, rubbed and smeared -- a ~~fall~~-tale  
sign. So they questioned Barbara about it -- and she  
was embarrassed. But, finally, she blushed and told.  
After stealing the money the robber had also stolen  
a kiss. But, Barbara cast down her eyes, and explained  
-- she had returned the smooch only in what she called  
"a half hearted way." <sup>HP</sup> No, she didn't respond with  
a loud smack for the kissing bandit, that osculating  
outlaw. *And Nelson - that brings us to you.*