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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The latest from Washington: Negotiations between union and management were resumed just an hour ago with union leaders predicting that the telephone company will make a wage offer settling the strike.

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LABOR

May Day

The most important ~~labor~~ event in the U.S.A. was a meeting of ten men around a table in a ~~luxurious~~ ^{swank} Washington hotel. They were the ten foremost labor leaders of the country. The A.F. of L. and C.I.O. chiefs ~~got together~~ ^{met there today} to see whether their organizations could bury the hatchet, ~~for good and all. It's~~ ^{All of which is} a matter of ~~very~~ ^{much} consequence to ~~the entire country~~ ^{all of us,} If the C.I.O. and the A.F. of L. were welded, they would have one big organization of no fewer than thirteen million members.

The meeting came about in the first place as a result of a suggestion by the C.I.O. that they get together in order to combine their opposition to laws for controlling labor. William Green, President of the A.F. of L, felt that labor unity would be the first and most important object of such a meeting, so he sent out the invitation in those terms.

There was a highly dramatic background to the affair, for it was the first time that several of those ten men have ~~ever~~^d spoken to each other in years. There, for instance, were John L. Lewis and C.I.O. Chief Phil Murray shaking hands for the first time since they broke off relations in Nineteen Forty-One. After they had shook hands, Murray said: "John, how are you?" And Lewis countered with, "How are you?" That was all. No smile, no comment.

Much more friendly was the encounter between William Green and Murray. Green welcomed Murray with a "Good-morning Phil", and Murray replied: "How are you, Bill?" Obviously neither of them expected an answer to his question.

The atmosphere continued to be decidedly stiff, until Dan Tobin, the blunt spoken head of the ~~Teamsters~~ Teamsters, who sat between Lewis on one side, Murray and Green on the other, exclaimed cheerfully: "Here I am

between three miners". Then he turned to Murray and said:

"But you're no longer a mine worker, are you Phil?

You're a steel worker, ~~xxxxxxxx~~ a puddler (he pronounced it poodler), eh?"

Said Murray in a voice loud enough for Lewis to hear: "I was kicked out of the Mine Workers." Lewis never even twitched an eyebrow. It was Lewis who had expelled Murray from the Mine Workers Union.

Dan Tobin was not discouraged, and continued: "Well, be patient, Phil, we might get you back." Then he added: "We got Bill Green back, and he was out worse than you."

And still the burly mine workers' chief said not a word. They could ~~not~~ either draw him into an argument or squeeze a smile out of him.

RENTS

The House has passed a Rent Control Bill and sent it to the Senate. The measure will continue Federal rent controls at least until December Thirty-First, but, it gives state, county, and city Governments power to end controls, if, in their opinion, a housing emergency no longer exists. *TP* The final vote on the measure - two-hundred-and-four to one-hundred-and-eighty-two. *R* The House plan, ~~which~~ which now goes to the Senate for approval, has been criticized by both sides -- ^{by} ~~by~~ advocates of rent control, who maintain that the bill has too many loop-holes; and by enemies of rent control who say it will not grant enough relief to landlords.

TAXES

Tax relief; it's a question still harassing Congress. Today Senator Lucas, Democrat from Illinois, demanded that the Senate Finance Committee scrap the House-approved income tax cuts. He would have them replaced with his own plan: "Give the money back to the various income groups the way we increase the tax load." That's the way Lucas phrased his proposal. He wants to lower taxes, but to do it by raising personal exemptions.

Republicans, however, seemed determined to go ahead with the House measure. It would cut taxes this year by thirty percent in the lowest income brackets and twenty to ten-and-a-half percent in the higher brackets, with all cuts retroactive to January First.

INTELLIGENCE

Uncle Sam now has a permanent agency for obtaining intelligence about the military preparations and activities of the rest of the world. In the days of E. Phillips Oppenheim, we used to call it "espionage," and apply to its agents the blunt term "spies." But now we have a more polite word for it; and, to this day Rear Admiral Roscoe Hillenkoetter today became head of the Central Intelligence Bureau, to provide information for our armed services and for the State Department.

This is an ix enterprise for which our generals and admirals, as well as many newspapers, have been crying for a long time. For centuries we've been practically the only nation in the world that had no such thing. The State Department in recent decades had a bare handful of agents, and the military and naval attaches of our embassies and legations have done their best with almost no funds and with limited resources. But at the outbreak of each of the two great World Wars, Uncle Sam has been obliged to improvise

intelligence organizations in a hurry. Meanwhile
relying principally on the British now we've learned our
lesson; or so it appears.

Admiral Hillenkoetter takes over from Lieutenant
General Hoyt Vandenberg who, at the request of the
Chief of Staff, returns to service in the Army Air
Forces.

Upon resigning, General Vandenberg - who commands
the 9th Air Force -- testified before a committee of
Congressmen, explaining the vital necessity of his
bureau. Telling how the men who make Uncle Sam's foreign
policy must be fully aware of the interests, intentions
and capabilities of all other nations. Today, said
General Vandenberg, Europe and Asia border on the
United States almost as closely as do Canada and Mexico.
So -- we must be forewarned against possible acts of

aggression! ~~be continued~~, and to be properly forewarned
in this atomic era, we must have complete intelligence.

In the first World War and also the second World War,

Uncle Sam had to ^{rely} ~~rely~~ upon the already established,
well organized and efficient British Intelligence System.

One result of our unpreparedness in the matter of

^{of course}
intelligence was the Pearl Harbor disaster.

^{Sam hopes he'll not}
Uncle ~~is not going to~~ be caught napping again.

(The three-day fight of the Arab states to force the United Nations into immediate consideration of Palestine independence -- well, it's all over. The General Assembly of the U.N. just a few hours ago overwhelmingly rejected all Arab proposals.) Final count on the vote twenty-four against fifteen in favor with ten abstaining and seven absent.

So now what will the United Nations do about Palestine? Probably adopt the British request for the appointment of a special committee to investigate the Palestine situation and make a report to the General Assembly session scheduled for September.

Before the roll was called today, ~~Dr. Aranha~~ Aranha of Brazil, General Assembly President, promised the Arabs that they would have full opportunity later to argue all aspects of the Palestine case. Also today the United States, reversing its stand, initiated a move to give the Jews a chance to be heard at some stage of the future Palestine deliberations.

INDIA

The Constitution of the new India will contain a clause guaranteeing justifiable fundamental rights.

The Constituent Assembly now meeting at New Delhi agreed

upon it today. ^{TP} ~~but~~ So far the Assembly has been able

to do ^{little} ~~nothing~~ in behalf of India's miserable

Untouchables, whose numbers are estimated at more than

fifty millions. ^{TP} For centuries the term "untouchable"

~~as applied to them~~ has meant literally that. Even their

shadow ^{has been} ~~has been~~ ^{has been} pollution to high-class

Hindus. In some parts of India they long have been

forbidden to own property; ~~Almost everywhere they are~~

allowed nothing but the most disagreeable jobs. ~~But,~~

~~Untouchability has been slowly dying out in the larger~~

~~cities.~~ ^{TP} Ever since the Constituent Assembly

convened, and the abolition of untouchability ~~was~~

proposed, fifty Hindu holy men, Sadhus they call them,

in saffron robes, have been conducting a daily

demonstration outside the hall. ^{TP} The plight of the

Untouchables has been a source of much worry to

Mahatma Gandhi and Pundit Jawaharlal Nehru, and other leaders -- but it always seemed impossible to devise legislation to wipe out this ancient curse -- it being a matter not of law, but of tradition -- tradition of centuries.

But now by law -- in their new Constitution, they hope to break with the past and wipe out the age-old tradition that some men-- scores of millions in fact -- are lower than dogs -- untouchable.

HUGHES FOLLOW WEATHER

As for accidents in the air, Howard Hughes claims to have developed a new device, a radar altitude indicator. He believes that if this is used, it ^{will} ~~would~~ eliminate ninety per cent of ^{all} ~~the~~ airplane crashes.

To prove it, ^{How-Hughes} ~~he~~ took off in a plane from Culver City, California, ^{With him a group of} ~~this afternoon with a load of newspaper men, of correspondents.~~ He took his craft into the mountains, then, time after time, he waited until his indicator showed danger ahead, and each time he steered his plane out of the way with the greatest of ease. He told ^{the} ~~the~~ newspapermen that there is not a place in the United States where his radar indicator would not give the pilot ample time to get out of trouble. ^{He} ~~says it's~~ ~~so it is~~ accurate up to a mile.

LONDON

English newspapers today ^{were} ~~are~~ almost aflame with headlines screaming about gangsterism in London, mob wars, and a crime wave into which they drag the name of poor old Chicago. In cold fact, there have been a number of hold-ups in the British capital, some successful jewel robberies, and burglaries of fur shops. In Soho, a district familiar to most American travelers, rival mobs have been fighting it out not with tommy guns as they did in Chicago, but with razors and blackjacks for control of ^{the} ~~a~~ vice racket. All of which disturbs not only the minds, but the pride, of peaceful Londoners who in the past had boasted about the ~~difference~~ difference between the crime statistics of London and those of some of our cities.

But the uproar came to a head yesterday, when a London taxicab was found ninety miles north of the city, with the dead body of its driver huddled in the back seat, riddled with bullets. Scotland Yard has it

figured out this way: - Three bandits ~~were~~ holding up a pawn shop in London. The dead taxi driver and a passerby went to the rescue of the embattled pawn broker; the robbers killed the passerby, and evidently seized the taxidriver's cab, drove it north, and then murdered him.

This stirred English editorial writers to a new fury, so that they are loudly calling upon the Yard to *what they call:* - wipe out "Chicago thuggery from England's fair realm."

The London police responded with complete dragnet methods, calling in all known criminals, routing out the haunts of the underworld. ^{IT} ~~And~~ The London Daily Mirror exclaims that ~~old~~ Chicago seems to have moved round the world, and landed in London.

ADD LONDON

When the story of the London crime wave was received in Chicago, the executive director of the Chicago Crime Commission said that his people wouldn't consider London's experience much of a crime wave in Chicago. Then he mentioned that on September Second, Nineteen Forty-Five, there were five murders in one day, and three of the victims were police officers. In December, Nineteen Forty-Five, ten people were killed within eight days. Last year's coroners' juries in Chicago returned a hundred and seventy-one murder verdicts. *I hope he ~~wasn't~~ wasn't boasting of it.*

HEALER

In Cairo today, a mob scene, something out of Biblical times. All over a twenty-year-old Armenian Faith Healer, ^{THE BEARDED AYAK,} who is coming to the United States to attempt to cure the paralytic son of a millionaire California wine merchant. Thousands of blind, crippled, and ailing ~~Christians~~ prostrated themselves on Cairo's streets today as the Healer's automobile passed them by -- on the way to the ship and the United States.

The wine merchant, Mr. K. Arakelian, feels this is the last resort for his son, now thirty-seven years old, who has suffered paralytic strokes ~~ever~~ since he was struck by a bus and dragged fifty feet at the age of ten.

The father has poured more than Two-Hundred-and-Fifty Thousand Dollars into treatments for his son, ~~WHO HAS~~ ~~OFFERED~~ seventy skin grafts, six other major operations, all to no avail.

And so he ^{Now} ~~resorts~~ resorts to the faith of his Fathers, for K. Arakelian is Armenian and respects the ancient and mystic art of Faith Healing as practiced in the East.

TP He had heard the story of The Bearded Avak who dreamed in Iran that he must devote his life to worship and healing. And now The Bearded Avak is on his way to the United States hoping to use his mysterious powers to cure the paralysis of the son of K. Arakelian.

OKLAHOMA

There is an interesting paradox about plays and novels. The more intensively they express the spirit of the scene in which they take place, the more they have universal appeal.

Take for instance our musical play "Oklahoma". Nothing could be more ~~intensely and essentially~~ ^{utterly} American. You would suppose that the people of other countries would look upon it merely as a curiosity. But last night "Oklahoma" was performed for the first time in London, at historic old Drury Lane Theatre. And what did the Londoners do? They went literally wild about it. Even the critics took down their hair and dusted off all the adjectives in the lexicon of praise. The reviewer of the Daily Express called it "a gem, a jewel in the Drury Lane crown." He said people ten years from now would be talking about Nineteen Forty-Seven as the year in which they saw "Oklahoma."

The Daily Telegraph called it "terrific."

Even the staid old London Times erupted into enthusiasm. As for the audience, they gave it fourteen curtain calls, as many as in Oklahoma City, and insisted upon encoring the final number twice.

There seems to be some sort of moral for writers in this. If you hope to caputre the attention of the whole wide world, just write as best you know how about your own country, your own state, your own town, or better still your own village.

Nelson, what is your home town at the moment?