

C.I. - P. & G. Thursday, Oct. 16, 1947.

President Truman today had a word to say about high prices. In his opinion our heavy exports of food to Europe have had nothing to do with this.

Then he went on to say that the Department of Justice has begun an investigation into grain gambling. The Attorney General doing this entirely on his own.

Grain operators reply that the zooming prices are not the consequence of any conspiracy, but rather of the relentless course of events, heavy exports, crop failures, and general scarcity. They also point out that the U.S. government has bought more wheat in two weeks than we usually ship in an entire season.

A ~~reporter~~ reporter put an interesting question to the President today:- "If people eat more poultry, won't there then be fewer chickens to eat the grain? Mr. Truman shook his head and replied questions like that could not be answered so easily.

PALESTINE

British Troops will not carry the entire load when the hour comes to partition the Holy Land.

Arthur Creech - Jones, His Majesty's colonial secretary, so announced to the U.N. at Lake Success today.

"The sand," said he, "has started to run. British Troops will be withdrawn within a limited time." "And then he added, it is not possible to comply with the American request that they (the British) wait until the future of the Holy Land is settled."

The British Colonial Secretary went on to say that he was obliged to make this announcement in answer to false rumors and insinuations. Said he:-
John Bull has not played any underhanded role in the Middle East; and His Majesty's government is anxious to wind up the mandate at the earliest possible date.

Furthermore, the London government will not accept responsibility after giving up the mandate, either alone or in a major role.

FRANCE

President Truman tells us today that he has found still another way of helping the French through their crisis. He has turned over thirty one vessels that we took from the Germans -- given them to the French to help them build up their merchant marine -- all ships that can be converted to peacetime use.

While Uncle Sam ~~was~~ was taking this measure to help France, the brethren of the French Union were cancelling it out by calling a shipping strike. More than twenty-five thousand seamen walking out; thirty-five ships tied up in two French harbors.

In fact, six ships flying the American flag are immobilized over there because the French stevedores joined the striking seamen.

BRITAIN

If you were asked which nation is today the most unpopular with the people of Britain, what would be your guess? Yes, as before, Uncle Sam. And I guess that's natural: Probably Confucius said it long ago, If you owe someone something you usually don't like him. So it's as it was after the last war. So says Eugene Pulliam, publisher of the influential Indianapolis Star, who reports that the feeling against Americans in England seems unbelievable.

He attributes it to sub-conscious jealousy. But, he goes on to say that if there should be trouble with Russia, the British would be on our side as before! That if a showdown came with Russia, they would send the King and Queen not to Canada or to one of the other Dominions, but to the Middle of Africa! For they believe that Uncle Sam would go under, and Canada would be dragged down too.

P.S. Publisher Pulliam doesn't believe ~~there is~~ there is a ~~chance~~ chance of a war between the United States and Russia. ^{Says the} ~~A~~ pessimistic Hoosier ^{not} for at least ten or fifteen years.

LIBEL

It's libel to call a man a Communist, unless you can prove it. That is, in New York State *it is*. During the war, the Chairman of the O.P.A. board in the Bronx brought that accusation against one Max Mencher, who was head of the Information Bureau of O.P.A. The accused man went to the courts and the case went through one trial after another until it finally landed in the court of appeals, the highest in the State and generally rated as one of the ~~best and~~ most ~~respect~~ worthy tribunals in the country. ~~and~~ The decision is, that if you ~~can~~ *you can't* call a man a Communist, and ~~cannot~~ *then* make it stick, *then* you can be sued.

Judge Stanley Fuld, who wrote the opinion, declared that whether or not Communism stands for violent overthrow of the government, it is undeniable that there has been widespread public aversion ^{to} Communism ~~its~~ its adherents and sympathizers. He might have added that the F.B.I. has described Communists as members not of a political party, but ^a ~~a~~ criminal conspiracy. Free speech and free press are an established part of our democratic

LEWIS

John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers has played many parts in his time. Today once ~~xx~~ again he understood^{he} the role of Achilles -- as he has done before. You remember, ~~ix~~ in the story of the Trojan War, how Achilles became annoyed with ~~ix~~ his fellow Greeks and sulked in his tent, refusing to take any part in the siege of Troy.


At San Francisco, this was the day for nominating William Green for re-election as President of the A F of L for his twenty-fourth term. In years past, it often has been the occasion for the man with the bushy eyebrows to hold forth, as a ~~modern~~ modern Demosthenes. But today the A F of L delegates heard no John Lewis rhetoric, no quotations from Shakespeare or the Bible. For John L. sulked in his tent, and William Green was nominated by another. In accepting Green plead for unity in the ranks of labor. But he didn't go so far as to suggest uniting with the C I O.

G.O.P.

A political prediction for next year. From the Republican who is to be campaign manager for Senator Taft. Congressman Brown of Ohio says the G.O.P. nominee will be either Taft or a dark horse. Taht Taft will go to the ~~Philadelphia~~ Philadelphia convention with enough delegates to prevent any orther candidate from getting the nomination. - that is any other leading candidate.

Brown's prophecy is being accepted with good cheer in the Eisenhower Camp, although would you call the General a dark horse?

The alliance of Taft and Stassen continues to be one of the interesting features of the pre-campaign campaign. Tonight for instance, there ^{was that} ~~will be~~ banquet of the Ohio Federation of Republican women's organizations at Columbus, with Bob Taft and Harold Stassen as joint guests of honor.



Over a thousand people attended that dinner at Columbus, Ohio, and heard Senator Taft say that the U.N. still is the hope of the world for future peace.

He also said that he would announce his decision on his expected bid for Presidency, any day next week, after Wednesday.

Both Taft and Stassen denied that this, their second joint ~~new~~ appearance, indicated a Taft-Stassen ticket for Nineteen forty-eight. And it's ~~no~~ no ~~xxxxxx~~ alliance to stop Governor Dewey from getting the Republican nomination in Philadelphia next June either, they added.

Taft charged that the Democratic party is spending money without ~~regard~~ regard to the nation's resources or the burden of taxation.

Former Governor Stassen called the Democratic party "the party of gloom".

RONNE - ANTARCTIC

Finn Ronne, Norwegian-American explorer has just sent me the latest news from the South Polar regions. With his own shortwave sending equipment he beamed his message in this direction, thousands of miles north of the South Pole, in fact ^{thousand} several/miles north of the Equator. His message was picked up by a Civil Aeronautics Authority Overseas radio station at New Orleans, and then relayed on to New York. We have been communicating back and forth and in my last message I asked him to tell us ~~whether~~ ^{whether} there are any other expeditions prowling around the Antarctic.

His answer is that the British have five bases, all busy with problems of meterology and the making of topographic maps. Five to our one. Which suggests that the British don't feel so uneasy about their Empire as some other folks do. If they did they hardly would have all these expeditions down near the South Pole.

Finn Ronne also radios that Sir Douglas

Mawson, eminent Australian explorer, is expected down ~~with~~ ^{with} another expedition, shortly. And, the Chileans and the Argentinians have been there and gone.

"Four of my men" says Finn Ronne "led by Geologist Dr. Robert Nichols, of Tufts College have just left on a twelve hundred mile sledge journey to an unknown and unexplored sector of the Weddell Antarctic Coast. They are going to establish control points ~~for~~ ^{for} aerial mapping -- to be in the field about one hundred days."

Finn goes on to tell me about his three planes, one a twin-engined Beechcraft, another a single-engined Norseman ~~xx~~ named NANA after Jack Wheeler's North American Newspaper Alliance, and an L-5 reconnaissance plane.

Ronne himself ~~na~~ expects to make some long flights over the only unknown part of the Antarctic coastline, and at the same time settle the question as to whether the Weddell Sea joins the Ross Sea, cutting the continent in two. Evidently

Finn Ronne and his party are on the Antarctic continent
for a long stay.

MURDER

Last May Twenty Fifth, a Sunday, began as a happy day for the family of Willard York, who had a nice little farm outside New Braunfels, Texas. It was a beautiful Texas day, and all in the family were looking forward to going to Sunday School. The family: ~~were~~ Mr. and Mrs. York, ^{an} ~~the~~ aged grandmother, and two children, thirteen year old Ann York and a little nine year old John York. ^R In due time they piled into the family automobile and drove ~~2~~ off to church. They hadn't gone far from their farm when they came to a point in the road, and there blocking the way, was an automobile described as a dirty white color. They recognized the car ^{as one} ~~is~~ belonging to the Ross family with whom they had had ~~some~~ unfriendly ~~relations~~ ^{words.} But nobody thought ^{much} ~~anything~~ of that, nobody dreamed that on x Sunday, of all days ~~a neighborhood~~ ^{it} ~~quarre~~ would flare into tragedy.

There was nobody in the ^{white} ~~car~~, but standing beside it was the head of the Ross family, Dr. Lloyd I. Ross, a well known surgeon of San Antonio, a Harvard man of the profession devoted not to destroying but to saving

lives. Presently, the York family saw that the doctor had in his hands what the little girl described as a "long gun"; ~~Actually, it was~~ a rifle. Thirteen year old Ann York told a Jury today, what happened. ~~next~~

The little girl, clothed in a checked gingham dress with a plain white collar, looked straight ~~xx~~ into the face of the Harvard man as she said: "Dr. Ross went up to the front window where my father was seated, ~~x~~ jammed the gun through the front window, and didn't say ~~xxx~~ anything." Willard York exclaimed, "Oh, don't do that, Lloyd, Don't shoot." Then said the little girl, Dr. Ross shot. And she continued: "Then mother cried, oh, don't shoot, Lloyd, don't shoot." Then after Dr. Ross shot father, he moved the gun, pointed it at mother, and shot her."

Ann's little brother rolled on the floor board of the car and begged Dr. Ross not to shoot. But the doctor reloaded his rifle which gave the little girl a chance to jump out. She started running down the road toward their ranch. More shots were fired, said she, but

she kept on running. She was shot in the leg once and fell, but got up and ran some more.

Then said she to the jury: "I never saw father, mother, my brother John, or grandmother ~~as~~ alive again."

All on a Sunday morning. On the way to church, in Texas.

What was the feud about? Dr. Ross had engaged in a business transaction with ~~the~~ Willard York, and had lost thereby.

CHURCH

The Calvary Methodist Congregation in Elkhart, Indiana, was anxious to raise a building fund. So its pastor the Reverend Orrin Manifold adopted an idea from one of the Saviour's parables as related in the gospel, according to St. Matthew, the parable of the five talents. However, he elaborated on it ~~slightly~~ slightly. He went to the bank, borrowed five hundred dollars, and divided it into fifty lots of ~~ten~~^{ten} dollars each. Forty-nine ten dollar bills he distributed among his parishioners, telling them to go out and invest the money in some profitable enterprise and bring back the profits in six months. Ten dollars he kept himself for a similar purpose.

Today the Reverend Orrin Manifold had a discomfiting announcement to make. He told his congregation: "I understand that all of you have done well." And he added: "All, that is; except myself." His own profits, he reported, were not manifold, but minus. He himself, he confessed was like the "wicked and slothful servant" in our Lord's parable who buried ~~x~~ his talent

in the ground. The Reverend Orrin Manifold invested his ten dollars in seed potatoes, and today he showed the congregation ~~his~~ his crop. The largest of his potatoes were the size of a ping pong ball, the rest were about the size of marbles.

But all is well that ends well. The Dominie may not have been a good potato grower, but his plan was a success, for the forty-nine others of his congregation made enough not only to return the five hundred dollars to the bank, but showed a profit of a thousand dollars, ~~not a bad next egg for a~~ ^{for the} church building fund.

FASHION

Paris had a sensation, today - an odd sensation for Paris. An all-American fashion show staged in the gay city of fashion -- staged by Californian dress manufacturers. Nine gorgeous gals from San Francisco flown six thousand miles to show French dress designers just what sort of clothing California can dream up.

These ~~xxxx~~ mass-produced American styles, modelled by the Californian girls, knocked the French capital for a loop so we hear -- the American dress show causing a riot. Thousands of Parisiens jamming into the fashionable George Sank Hotel. Thousands more milling outside barred by the French police.

Among the guests who got in were the biggest names of French fashion.

There was a buffet supper and champagne party -- California champagne I hope. And, wonder of wonders the French designers were enthusiastic about the American dresses. The parade of models, accompanied

by ten piece orchestra was led by film star Joan Leslie wearing a wedding gown. Then came evening and street dresses, cocktail gowns, California playsuits, pirate pants, and cowboy clothes.

The French dress designers said they were charmed, intrigued and amazed, said one, the veteran Paris Modiste, "I am amazed by the music as well as the clothes -- ~~every~~ everything so different. Perhaps all that we have seen will influence French styles". But she added a second, "perhaps".

And what did the Frenchmen say about the American girls? They said plenty -- in a few words and many gestures. ~~Exuberant~~ Eyebrows, eyes, mustache, hands, and so on. *American fashions* Causing a sensation in Paris! ~~that's~~ ~~the world a comin' too, Nelson~~

SPY

A story from Peiping, China, tells of the trial in a small provincial court of a lady named Radiant Jade, for espionage -- for twenty years radiant Jade, daughter of a Manchu Prince, has been a Japanese spy. That's the accusation made against her, today, by the peoples court of Hopei Province.

Radiant Jade is famous for her beauty as well as her brains. The most ~~br~~ beautiful woman in China, so they say. - ~~next~~ Eyes like almonds, ~~her~~ mouth like a rosebud, ~~her~~ waist like a roll of silk, and hair the sheen of a raven's wing -- ~~that's how~~ ^{is the way} the Chinese describe her. All of which caused some commotion at the trial. ^RSeven thousand people turning up to see the beautiful spy on trial for her life. So anxious were those seven thousand people to get a glimpse of Radiant Jade, that they pushed the judges off their seats, and wrecked the court. The Judges tried in vain to calm the crowds; but ~~they~~ failed, and so the trial had to be postponed.

And what of Radiant Jade? Was she as

beautiful as the reports? Well, those seven thousand people, saw no fashionable lady in silken gown. Radiant Jade appeared in a court in a turtle neck sweater, corduroy pants and with a man's haircut.^R Her face was indeed beautiful - this face of which it was once said that she could make a thousand men change their minds. She had only to smile. But all she did when she greeted her fans in the Hopei Court was ~~to~~ flutter her eyelashes -- no smile to make the judges change their minds.

Poor Radiant Jade. She couldn't turn on that radiant smile of hers, because during her imprisonment she had lost her front teeth. A sad ~~xxxxx~~^{sad} predicament for ~~xxxxx~~^{named Radiant Jade, wouldn't you say, Nelson?} a ravishing beauty, ~~not even daring a baby smile.~~

Radiant Jade

Daughter of a Manchu

The price she paid -

Now she can't chew!

Nelson

institutions, but, both are limited by the law of slander and libel. If you falsely charge a man with Communism, he runs the danger of losing his friends, his job, even of being deported.

In other words, the "Communist" at law, is a derogatory word.

RANKIN

Fiery Congressman John Rankin of Mississippi who hopes to succeed the late Theodore Bilbo in the Senate, struck out at Heavyweight Boxer Joe Louis, today. He says the Champ is trying to keep him out of the Senate.

That a petition is being circulated ~~making~~ asking the Senate to refuse to seat him in case he is elected, and asking that he be thrown out of the House. That petition, said he, is being promoted by what Rankin calls "a bunch of Communist inspired northern negroes headed by Joe Louis."