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The Senate Foreign Relations Committee <sup>took</sup> ~~has taken~~  
~~today here in Washington~~  
a vote on the appointment of Dean ~~Acheson~~ Acheson as  
Secretary of State, and the result is, as was to  
be expected - a ~~an~~ unanimous okay. This followed <sup>today's</sup>  
~~today's~~ closed hearings, today, during which Acheson gave the  
Senators confidential information concerning his  
attitude toward Soviet Russia - answering talk that  
he might favor appeasement.

The Secretary-of-State-Designate replied to the  
complete satisfaction of the Senate Committee. "It is  
my view" said he "that communism as a doctrine is  
economically fatal to a free society and to human  
rights and fundamental freedoms. Communism, as an  
aggressive factor in world conquest" he added "is fatal  
to independent governments and to free peoples".

This was followed in Washington by a declaration  
from the State Department, which said in blunt words  
that, because of the menace of Soviet Russia, the  
United States must join in a North Atlantic Security  
Alliance, and must provide weapons to the free

countries of western Europe. This document was distributed among members of a gathering assembled in Washington to debate plans for supporting the human rights program of the United Nations.

## ESPIONAGE

The Attorney General has sent to Congress an outline for sweeping regulations against espionage. The bill proposed is one of the toughest ever presented in this country, and would permit wire tapping in the detection of Foreign spies.



President Truman received an invitation today and the logical question would seem to be - did he accept? It was an invitation to his own inauguration, next Thursday. His answer was: "Weather permitting, I hope to be present."

Well, I don't quite know what kind of weather could keep a President from his own Inauguration, but let us hope the skies will be fair enough to persuade Harry Truman to attend. The mor/e so as it is going to be one of the biggest parades ever staged anywhere.



## CHINA

The Chinese communists report that they have replied to the ~~xxx~~ peace offer made by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek. The Red radio states that the Communist leader, Mao- Tse-tung, has listed eight conditions under which the Reds would be willing to negotiate a settlement.

One condition is - the punishment of what the Communists call "war criminals". Which presumably would include the Generalissimo himself, the Communists having listed him as a war criminal.

Other conditions call for the abolition of the Constitution adopted last year by the Chinese ~~Nationalist~~ National Assembly and a complete change of the present form of government- Red leaders advocating what they call a "peoples republic". ~~Which~~ Which invariably means, Red domination.

The Chinese Red Army, meanwhile, announces a drive into Tientsin - the great port of North China. They claim they have forced their way deep into the city, and American diplomatic officials

at Tientsin report that shells are falling in  
their neighborhood.

The report is that in Tientsin north of Tientsin,  
and taken the following form: In the morning of the  
Japanese war lords, the official witnesses,  
representing the Allied powers, stated that some  
distance away, but closely enough to see what really  
happened. But did really happen?

The Japanese story is that there were no  
shells in the neighborhood. The story was spread  
Togo and his followers were really dropped from  
in the floor, a short distance below the surface.  
After which they were taken secretly to an American  
base, and taken to the Philippines.

The report gives no explanation of any reason  
for the shootings in Tientsin and the others -  
its just one of these rumors.

## JAPAN

I suppose that this next bit of news was to be expected from Japan - a rumor that Tojo is still alive. Just as some people express the opinion - that Hitler is still alive.

The rumor is rife in towns north of Tokyo, and takes the following form: In the hanging of the Japanese war lords, the official witnesses, representing the Allied powers, <sup>watched</sup> ~~XXXXX~~ from some distance away, not closely enough to see what really happened. So what did really happen?

The Japanese rumor is that there were no nooses in the hangings. When the trap was sprung -- Tojo and his fellow war lords merely dropped down to the floor, a short distance below uninjured. After which they were taken secretly to an American air base, and flown to the Philippines.

The report gives no explanation of any reason for the subterfuge to save Tojo and the others - its just one of those rumors.



## FRANCE

From London an optimistic and enthusiastic report on talks between Great Britain and France. French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman is in the British capital, on invitation from British Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin. They have been holding negotiations for a settlement of differences between London and Paris - such as disagreements about the reconstruction of Germany. So now we are told that they have arrived at what is called "an extremely far-reaching agreement on all International problems".

French Foreign Minister Schuman, in a statement in London tonight, simply exudes optimism and enthusiasm, saying "I have never attended a Conference in which such cordiality and desire for understanding existed."

## INTRO TO AMBASSADOR HUSSEIN ALA

Ever since the days of the Star of Bethlehem Christian peoples have looked upon Persia as the home of Wise Men. For that, we are told, is where the Three Wise Men came from, the three who arrived at the Manger, in Bethlehem, bearing gifts, for the Christ child. I have a wise man from Persia sitting beside me, at the moment, Hussein Ala, first Ambassador from Iran, as we now call modern Persia, to our country. Mr. Ambassador, ever since the days of your mighty kings, Cyrus and Darius, between two and three thousand years ago, and such ancient Persian wise men as Zoroaster, men have admired the wisdom of your philosophers. And the world is much indebted to your country for so much that is beautiful, such as the poetry of Hafiz, and Firdusi, to say nothing of the works of your artists. Even here, thousands of miles away you can hardly look around an American room without seeing evidence of American indebtedness to Persia, <sup>^</sup> to Iran. So it is not altogether inappropriate that we should now be trying to do something to repay the debt by doing

something for your ancient land. However, your mighty next door neighbor seems to be objecting.

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ALA: There is no ground for objection seeing that Iran is a sovereign, independent country, seeking only peace and friendly relations with her neighbors. What we want is a breathing space, free from alarms and excursions on our internal affairs - so baneful to Iran in the past - in order that with American technical assistance we might concentrate all our attention on rehabilitation and constructive work for the raising of the standard of living of the people. The Middle East, which is today one of the most, if not the most, critical region of the world, has been the cockpit of rivalry between the great powers; causing us distraction, anxiety and danger. Our relations with our neighbors are now regulated by the Charter of the United Nations, so that if any neighbor of Iran has any grievances against her, its only proper course is to refer the matter to the Security Council for action, just as we did in March Nineteen Forty-Six. It



is the duty of every member of the United Nations to refrain from the use of threat of unpeaceful measures no matter what treaty arrangements existed between them prior to the adoption of the Charter. Like other members of the United Nations, Iran believes that the hope of peace and security among nations lies in the faithful fulfillment of all countries great and small, of the pledges given by them when they signed the Charter.

L.T.: There was a time, in the days of the great Kings Cyrus and Darius, when your country was the most powerful on earth. Today, Iran is of ever increasing importance, partly because of its geographic position, partly because of its vast undeveloped oil wealth. What are the aims of your young Shah, this modern successor to Cyrus and Darius?

ALA: Exactly as Cyrus and Darius, in the first world empire which they founded and consolidated, considered the obligation of the sovereign to promote the welfare of his subjects a fundamental principle of government, so now our present Constitutional Monarch, His Imperial Majesty Mohammed Reza Shah Pahlavi, is animated by the same high

ideals of service to his people and of devotion to duty. Our seven year plan of social and economic development is now in its second phase. The five experts sent to Iran by the Overseas Consultants last November have now returned and just presented their report which is most encouraging. Arrangements are now being made for the Overseas Consultants to send out a larger group of forty technicians, for about four to six months, to assist the organization, already set up in Iran, in planning the program and its execution. The whole purpose is to raise the standard of living of the Persian people by promoting their welfare in health, education, agriculture and irrigation, transportation, industry and public utilities. The project will be financed by the Iranian Treasury and credits will be sought, for the dollar expenditure, from the World Bank and the Export-Import Bank.

L.T.: Mr. Ambassador, nature has been rough on you at times. Iran seems to be in an earthquake belt. Like some parts of the U.S. recently. Has there been any more news regarding that mysterious Middle Eastern quake of a

few months ago? We had word that many had been killed, but nothing definite except that most of the damage apparently occurred across the mountains, in the Soviet part of Central Asia, at Ashkabad and other cities. It was one of the mysteries of the year.

ALA: The loss of life north of our borders must have been great. You will, however, appreciate, Mr. Thomas, that with all the wisdom that you have attributed to the sages of my country, we would belie your good opinion, were we to undertake to report what actually happened on the other side of the border. It is regrettable that with all the facilities which invention has given to men in modern times there are areas which do not welcome the interchange of information, even on humanitarian matters. In Iran most of the earthquake damage was in the north eastern part of our country, near Meshed. We have a full report on American relief supplies that were sent to the stricken population. The people of Iran are profoundly grateful for the assistance sent by Americans in Teheran



to the affected area. It grieves them particularly that a false rumor should have been started that our Red Cross, which we call the Red Lion and Sun, should have disposed of any of the supplies to persons other than the unfortunate earthquake victims. Mr. Gurney, cultural attache, of your Embassy in Teheran, who visited the stricken area, has been able to report from personal observations that there is no basis whatsoever for this accusation.

L.T.: I am sure that the American people appreciate your expressions of gratitude and are pleased to hear that the rumor was contrary to the facts.

## MASSACHUSETTS

Today the Senate of Massachusetts failed to elect a Presiding officer - failed once again. They have been trying to pick a President of the Senate ever since January Fourth -- but its no go. As a result, the Massachusetts legislature is tied in a knot.

The trouble is all because of that November election, which produced so much surprise. In Massachusetts, the contest for the State Senate, xag voters elected twenty Republicans and twenty Democrats - a tie. So when they convened on January Fourth, the vote for Senate President was twenty for Republican Harris Richardson, and twenty for Chester Dolan, Democrat.

Which meant they had to take another vote. And they did -- time after time. During the ten days that have elapsed, they have taken eighty-three votes -- stubborn Republicans and stubborn Democrats.

In Massachusetts legislative matters are formal

with ceremony. In the State Senate it is a solemn routine, the proceedings headed by the Assistant Sergeant at Arms, Arthur Driscoll - in a cutaway coat, striped trousers and a tall silk hat; and, he carries a mace of office.

Into the State Senate Chamber he leads a balloting committee which goes around and collects the votes, slips of paper. The twenty Republicans each write down the name of - Richardson. But the twenty Democrats by now have had a card printed, with the name of - Dolan. Saves the trouble of writing it out.

Two Republicans, State Senators Lee and Olson, have been making a calculation. With a tape measure they have ascertained that, with each ~~xxx~~ ballot, the Sergeant at Arms and the committee walk a total of three hundred and forty-six feet. Having done that eighty-three times, they have walked a grand total of five ~~xxx~~ and a half miles during the past ten days.



Today's final ballot having produced another tie, they'll start walking again on Monday - the Assistant Sergeant-at-Arms, wearing his cutaway coat, striped trousers, and tall silk hat, and carrying the mace of office. I should think that by this time he would feel like using the mace on some stubborn heads.

## ART

They have found a treasure of art in San Francisco, nine hundred and fifty paintings - including Rembrandt's and El Grecos. ~~They~~ These have been identified as having been taken from Mexican churches in Nineteen Twenty-six. That was the time when Mexican President Calles ordered the nationalization of church property, and widespread disorder resulted. In the turmoil, huge amounts of Mexican church property disappeared, including the oil master paintings that have now come to light in San Francisco.

They have been found in art galleries, which procured them recently. One art dealer tells how he brought paintings in Pasadena, where they had been placed on consignment by a Doctor who ~~appeared~~ apparently had deeds and proper title to the treasure of art from churches in Mexico.

## CRASH

From Fort Bragg North Carolina, comes a story of naked heroism - the supreme courage of discipline.

Paratroop exercises were being held, and aboard a C-eighty-two flying box-car" crowded the thirty-seven soldiers of the Eighty Second Airborne Division - famous for training and skill in the tactics of invasion from the sky.

~~With a crew of three,~~ The flying box-car took off, and a few minutes later - something went wrong. Both engines conked out, and a forced landing had to be made in dangerous country.

So what did they do? The pilot, to save his human cargo, held the plane in a long glide, and an order was barked by the jump master - Sergeant Robert Lee Hodgkiss. "Bail out". The <sup>altitude</sup> ~~sixteen~~ was low. The time to get out was measured in seconds. All the skill, speed and jumping discipline of the Eighty-Second Division were needed - and were displayed.

Sergeant Hodgkiss got the paratroopers out in rapid succession as smoothly as if it were a fast



manoeuvre. The thirty-seventh was the jump-master, himself - he the last.

But by now the flying boxcar was skimming just over the ground, and as it crashed into a tree, and burst into flames, the sergeant was still at his position near the jump door. Miraculously he still was able to leap to safety.

~~The pilot and his crew were killed - the pilot who had staked everything, including his life to get the paratroopers out.~~

## CONVICT

At Oklahoma City tonight a federal judge is ~~xxxx~~ missing and the explanation is -- an ex-convict is on a mad trail of vengeance.

Back in Nineteen Thirty-two, there was a hold up of the First National Bank at Ringling, Oklahoma, and the guilt was fastened on Roy Frank Godbey. He was tried and sentenced to thirty-five years in prison. At the time he made the bitter threat: "If I ever get out I will kill everyone of you, and if you are dead I will kill your children, and if they are dead I will kill your grandchildren."

Recently after seventeen years, Godbey was released from the penitentiary and last Tuesday a murder occurred in Oklahoma City - the killing of ~~Earl~~ Earl Pruet, <sup>a lawyer</sup> ~~xxxxxx~~ who in Nineteen Thirty Two was the prosecuting attorney in the conviction of ~~Earl~~ Godbey. Today the word is that the police have found that the ex-convict was in Oklahoma City on that day.

In that conviction, of long ago, the Judge who sentenced Godbey was Eugene Rice, now Federal Attorney.

Today he disappeared, under the protection of the  
F. B I - and the word is that he is secluding  
himself, hiding from the vengeance of the convict  
he sentenced in Nineteen Thirty-Two.



## BOYS

There could be elements of comedy in this next bit of news, if the possible consequence had not been so deadly serious. At Philipsburg, Pennsylvania, two fourteen year old boys tried to blow up the High School with one hundred and eighty sticks of dynamite. They sure were disgusted with school, those two.

They stole the dynamite, a case and a half, from the storehouse of a mining company. Then, at night, they went to the high school, and got in by shooting off the lock of a front door - with a rifle they stole from a sporting goods store. Their plan was to plant the ninety pounds of high explosive in the main entrance, and then connect it with fifty feet of wire - and bang.

They were in the middle of this, when they were frightened off by two men coming down the street. They took to their heels, but were later apprehended -- and today the full story came out. The police say that, in blowing up the high school, they, themselves, ~~xx~~ would have been killed, and every

building within four blocks of the school levelled  
to the ground.

After which let us all rise and sing - school  
days.

## SMILE

Here is the story of a girl who does not smile. She appeared in a Boston Court today, telling how it happened - that she lost her smile.

Her father, Richard O'Leary, is suing the owner of a stable that rents out riding horses - on the ground that one of the horses kicked his daughter Marjorie, injuring her face.

Apparently, the only damage done was to make it painful for the girl to give the facial expression of gladness and mirth. For that mishap, ten thousand dollars is demanded, that much - for the lost smile.

Today in Court, Marjorie said: "It hurts to smile, so I don't smile very much". Which could also be something for a philosopher to say, contemplating the state of the world. "It hurts to smile so I don't smile very much".

Now the man with the golden smile - in his voice - Nelson Case.