

CHINA

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(In China today, all airline flights to Suchow were cancelled. That railroad bastion, two hundred miles north of Nanking, is surrounded by Communists, and seems doomed to fall. American pilots of the Chinese airlines, making the last flight from Suchow, describe the city as a wild scene of confusion.

Rioting - looting.

At the same time, the Red forces are thrusting south toward Nanking, but seem to have run into difficulties.

Western reporters at Nanking convey the impression that the Communist push into the valley of the Yangtze is not going as well as the Red commanders had expected - is being held up by heavy Nationalist resistance.

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We have an important interview tonight - Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in a talk with Miles Vaughn, United Press Vice-President for Asia. The Generalissimo^{is} described as being calm and giving every appearance of strength and determination. The summary of what he said indicates that Chiang Kai-shek and his military leaders believe they can hold the area south of

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the Yangtze indefinitely - can defend the river-line from Nanking to Shanghai. But they need urgent help from the United States, armament and munitions. To get this, they are prepared to agree to almost any conditions the United States may ask. They want a leading American army officer as a supreme military adviser, and are prepared to give him the fullest of cooperation. One name suggested insistently - MacArthur, which has vast prestige in Asia.

~~Such is the gist of what Chiang Kai-shek had to say to the Vice-President of the United Press.~~

MADAME CHIANG

Madam Chiang Kai-shek had a graceful thing to say today. Arriving in Washington, ~~she was~~^{is} ~~expected to ask~~
~~all out American aid for China. But what she said today had~~
~~nothing to do with the Communist crisis in her country.~~

~~In Washington~~ She was greeted by Mrs. George Marshall, wife of the Secretary of State, whose guest she is at the Marshall home in Leesburg, Virginia. Together, they faced the newsmen.^R Madame Chiang explained that she was weary after her eleven thousand mile three-day flight from Shanghai to Washington. Whereupon she turned to Mrs. Marshall and said: "You know, this is my wedding anniversary."

"Good," cried Mrs. Marshall. "We must have a celebration."

To which the wife of the President of China replied: "It is enough of a celebration to be here."

It is customary for a visitor to pay a compliment to a country, upon arriving, and I don't know of any tribute of appreciation better than that of a woman on her wedding anniversary, saying - "It is enough of a celebration to be here."

BERLIN CRISIS

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Soviet Russia got another warning today - that Moscow is mistaken if Moscow thinks the Western powers can be thrust out of Berlin by force. This emanates from Under-Secretary of State Lovett, (who commented on the newest R^d move in Berlin - the setting up of a German-Communist regime in the Soviet zone. This, he intimated, is another move to push the Westerners out, and then he said: "If the Soviets feel that this move alters our determination not to be driven out of Berlin by force, they are mistaken.")

In Berlin, the Western powers today mobilized German police - in the face of that puppet city regime set up in the Soviet zone. This is the more necessary because, under the legal city government, elections will be held in the Western sectors ^{on Sunday,} - and the puppet outfit in the Soviet zone may be expected to make trouble.

The latest, a battle between police and communists who tried to break up a political rally.

PALESTINE

(In Paris, the United States today announced full agreement with Great Britain in the Palestine issue.) This was indicated in the news last night, and is now formal. The American delegation declares that (if Israel wants to retain the southern desert, the Negeb, Israel ~~must~~ must give up the port of Jaffa and territory captured in western Galilee.) These are sectors allotted to the Arabs in the original Palestine partition. On the other hand, if the Jewish state wants to keep Jaffa and western Galilee, it will be necessary to yield all or part of the Negeb to the Arabs. The American delegation puts it in these words:- "If Israel desires additions, it will be necessary for Israel to offer appropriate exchange for compensation."

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~~Meanwhile, in Jerusalem the President of Israel, Chaim Weizmann, declares that the modern city of Jerusalem outside the wall must remain in Jewish possession. As for the old city, with the legended holy places, Israel is willing to make what its~~

~~President calls "special arrangements." Presumably, the
old walled city and the holy places might be internationalized.~~

~~But~~

~~Israel insists on having the newer sections of Jerusalem, which
are now occupied by Jewish troops.~~

From the Arab side

~~The latest~~ - Abdullah proclaimed "King of

Trans-Jordan and all Palestine." The manifesto was issued

by a gathering of ^{*Arab*} leaders in Jerico today. It had been known

all along that King Abdullah of Trans-Jordan is ambitious to

add the Arab sections of Palestine to his regime. And today's

proclamation is another move in that direction - claiming Arab

Palestine for Abdullah, at least on paper.

FOLLOW PALESTINE

Late reports from Damascus tell of a crisis of strikes and riots -- popular Moslem protests in the Palestine controversy. In Damascus three persons killed and fifty-seven injured in disturbances by mobs complaining of the failure of Syria to take a strong stand against the Jewish State.

TIBETANS

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London today entertained a mission from the Dalai Lama of Tibet. The emissaries from the roof of the world were commissioned to see King George the Sixth, but he is ill; and the Lord Chamberlain, the Earl of Clarendon, gave welcome. The delegates from the land of monasteries in the Himalayas wore long orange-colored robes, and presented a message of good-will to the King from the Dalai Lama, the living Buddha.

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~~However, it was not all on such a romantic plane.~~

The delegation ~~from the Dalai Lama~~ comes ~~ix~~ with a commercial proposal, a business deal - to sell to the British, false hair for the whiskers of Santa Claus. The Himalayan plateau of Tibet produces herds of animals with long fleece, and could provide abundant material for the copious beard^s with which Kriss Kringle is decorated in the lands of the west.

Something new in this world of odd combinations, the Dalai Lama of Tibet, the living Buddha, providing whiskers for Santa Claus!

SUBSTITUTE FOG

In Europe the great fog has drifted eastward, leaving England with bright weather. Even London, capital of the pea-souper, was clearing up tonight -- and life, fogbound for one hundred and seventeen consecutive hours, was becoming normal.

The giant ^{bank}~~bag~~ of mist is moving over eastern Germany and Czechoslovakia. For a time, this morning, Berlin was fairly clear, and fifty-four planes of the airlift landed five-hundred-and-forty tons of supplies. But this evening the eastward drift of the fog covered Berlin again -- the white blackout moving over into the land ~~behind~~ the Iron Curtain.

LOS VEGAS

The State of Nevada has taken action to clean up the threatening gambling situation at Los Vegas. The State Tax Commission has revoked the book making licenses of three of the largest clubs in that Nevada resort. The seven other casinos in Los Vegas ~~were~~ ^{are} told flatly that their bookmaking licenses will not be renewed on January first, unless they clean house.

~~Under the laws of Nevada, a gambling casino must have a state license to do a bookmaking business of taking bets on horse races.~~ The reason ~~for the new move~~ is a dispute concerning a nationwide wire service giving the results on horse races. The argument, ~~is~~ involving the gambling houses and the wire service, has become so acrimonious that the State authorities are afraid that violence may break out at Los Vegas -- the bookmakers in gang fights. It is recalled that the late gangster Bugsy Siegel was murdered in Los Angeles as a result of a bookmaking fight -- and they ~~are afraid~~ ^{think} the same sort of thing might ~~go on~~ ^{occur} at Los Vegas.

GIANNINI

A late development in the case against the Giannini Bank. Mariner Eccles of the Federal Reserve Board has disqualified himself, and will not take his place in Federal Reserve Board hearings of anti-trust charges against the Giannini ~~banking~~ interests. Earlier in the day the Giannini people demanded that both Eccles and another member of the Board, Lawrence Clayton, withdraw from the hearings -- the Giannini charge being that both had personal grudges against the great west coast banking firm. ~~The answer of Eccles is that he had already disqualified himself so that he could appear as a witness.~~

JOHNSON

At Endicott, New York, they held a funeral such as no king ever had - ten thousand mourners jammed in an outdoor service, and there were eighteen thousand honorary pallbearers. The funeral rites were for a factory owner, a manufacturer of shoes. The mourners were his employees, and all the factory workers were honorary pallbearers - eighteen thousand.

George F. Johnson, himself, began as a factory hand, who took over the management of a plant making shoes, a half-bankrupt concern. During the years he built it up into an empire of shoe manufacturing, a huge financial success. But the money was not his pride. He preferred the title he earned - "an Ideal Employer."

9 He devoted himself to the welfare of the workers - built homes for them, hospitals, recreation centers, & park^s.

So now, at the age of ninety-one, the Ideal Employer has passed along. His funeral was held in a football field

he built for his employees - who jammed their way in to pay
him final honor. At a distinguished funeral it is customary
to have notables and celebrities as Honorary Pallbearers.
But for the Ideal Employer the notables and celebrities
consisted of all the factory workers, eighteen thousand.

SCIENCE

London announces a break of Soviet-British relations - in the field of science. (The Moscow Academy of Sciences has severed all contact with the British Royal Society) so stated Sir Brian Robertson, Royal Society President.

(In the world realm of knowledge and research, the system is for the great scientific organizations to be in correspondence with each other, exchanging ideas - in a fraternity of study and investigation. This has been the *method* ~~system~~ of Western progress for centuries, interrupted only by wars. But now the Moscow Academy breaks with the Royal Society. (The reason - Communist Party action in the field of biology.) Today Sir Brian Robertson quoted the official Moscow newspaper Pravda as telling Soviet scientists that, in the words of Pravda - "the most important principle of science is the Party principle."

In Soviet Russia, scientific experiment has to follow the Party Line.

As it happens, the Party Line in the science of biology is the Lysenko line. ~~Soviet Biologist~~ (Lysenko is - Stalin's favorite scientist. He propounds a theory which discounts the importance of ^{(heredity} ~~hereditary~~ - thereby going against world biological opinion, which emphasizes heredity.

Last night three top British scientists denounced Lysenko as an ignorant swindler who has used terror and suppression to force his ideas on genuine Russian scientists.) Lysenko has destroyed his enemies and has reduced Russian science to complete submission -- so say the British biologists.

One of them, Professor Sidney Cross Harland, told how he knew Lysenko personally, and also the world-famous Russian Geneticist Valivov. He said that Valivov, the greatest in his field, had been ousted by Lysenko and then died in obscure circumstances -- "broken, ruined, discredited." One rumor is that Professor Valivov died in a concentration camp.

Professor Ronald Fisher of Cambridge described Lysenko's aim as follows -- "the reward he is so eagerly grasping is power for himself -- power to threaten, power to torture, power to kill", said the British Biologist.

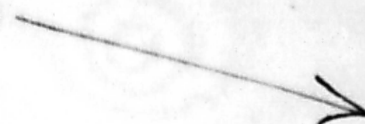
All of which is a background for the breaking of relations between Soviet and British science.

SOVIET_STYLE

News from Moscow tells of still another Soviet achievement, and this newest is a thing to start us marching right down the Party Line. The menfolks, that is. About the ladies - I don't know.

The Moscow dispatch gives us a bit of style news - and ordinarily fashions are a subject for the ladies. But listen to this, comrades. ~~The~~ Kaganovich dress factory Number Eleven has come out with something new for Olga and Tanya. Over here fashion designers like to give a gown a fancy name like "Night of Romance" or "Seduction in Silk." But in Russia the new style is called - Pattern Number Forty-three hundred and forty-five.

Over here we have the convertible coupe, but they have the convertible dress. A Moscow newspaper states that this newly designed garment can be converted into seven different styles. The description is as



follows:- "Any style-conscious woman can, within two minutes, turn it into a day dress, an evening dress, a short-sleeved dress, a long-sleeved dress, a suit, a cocktail dress, or a theatre gown," *or nightgown!*

So you buy one dress, comrades, and the little woman has seven - for all occasions. If she says she needs something with longsleeves to attend an afternoon tea, she has it. If she needs a sleeveless creation for the theatre - she has it. All for one price.

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TRUMAN

In Washington, a title was bestowed today -- Honorary Pedestrian of the Week. (Who is this ideal of shoe leather, this champion of putting them down one after another? Why, President Truman.) The degree was conferred on him by the Traffic Advisory Board of the District of Columbia. The President is honored -- because he always waits for the green light before crossing the street.

The Trumans are living in ~~the~~ Blair House, ~~which~~ while family quarters in the White House are being ~~repaired~~ repaired. But the ^{White} executive offices there are running -- so every morning the President walks to work -- across Pennsylvania Avenue, Washington's great and busy thoroughfare.

At first, the city administration installed special traffic lights to enable him to get across without delay -- honor due to a President. But, after two days, he ordered this to be discontinued. I suppose the unpretending citizen from Independence, Missouri, felt embarrassed at having the Red and Green lights all *for his lonely self.*

FOG

Europe sees what appears to be the break-up of what is already being called -- the Great Fog of Nineteen Forty-eight. From scattered points, from Finland to Italy, the word came today that the sun was breaking through the mist. So that, after four blinding days, it appears to be the end of the giant fog bank that extended from almost the Arctic Ocean to Sicily, from Ireland to the Balkans.

The same bright news of blue skies from many many sections -- but not from London. That's the place the fog would be last to leave. If there is any blinding mist around, you can depend on London to have it. So today the peasouper still shrouded the capital of the British Commonwealth, Piccadilly and Pall Mall as dim and murky as ever. The record was broken yesterday, and broken all over again today -- with a hundred-and-ten hours of continuous fog. But London has hopes. With all other places clearing up, London expects to see the sun shine again -- and be rid of the Great Fog of Nineteen Forty-eight.