

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY and a special salute to Roy Chapman Andrews:

A story just in from London brings word that the British government may give up its Palestine mandate. That would be the consequence of the universal jejection of the proposal to Federalize the Holy Land. The British are now in a difficult, if not impossible, position. Even if President Truman changes his mind and approves the British partition plan, there is little chance of the British being able to make it work in the face of the opposition of both Jews and Arabs. They would literally have to force it upon a population not merely unwilling, but violently hostile.

On the other hand, if the British give up their mandate, they also lose control of their oil pipe lines, and that would be a most unexpected development.

PALESTINE \* 2

The Palestine matter seems to be in a worse tangle than ever. First <sup>today came</sup> ~~was~~ word from Paris that the World Executive of the Jewish Agency for Palestine will not accept the British plan for a Federal government in the Holy Land. <sup>And that left</sup> ~~which leaves~~ the British as the only supporters of their own plan, to establish two separate states in Palestine, one Arab and one Jew, under a central administration.

The leading Arabs in Palestine also are on record as opposed. They insist that the Holy Land become an independent Arab country. And, they are saying that if the Arab League, convening at Alexandria, does not, like the Jewish Agency, reject the London plan, they, the Palestine Arabs, will act independently.

A rumor from London has it that the British government is ready to go ahead with its plan whether we Americans, the Arabs or the Jews like it. But that's only rumor. <sup>The big story is that the British may give up their mandate.</sup>

## ATOMIC

Out at Bikini Vice Admiral Blandy has been inspecting the ships still afloat after the underwater atomic explosion on July twenty fifth. He says the huge floating drydock, a concrete mass of some two thousand tons, has capsized, is bottomside up and probably cannot be salvaged.

Admiral Blandy found that most of the target ships are still too radio-active for anyone to go aboard.

The more the Admiral sees of the havoc created by the second bomb, the more he is impressed by its ~~marxif~~ terrible power. He considers that when used in this manner, the atomic bomb also can be considered poison warfare. The radio-activity is not confined to the ships in the center of the area, and there are high concentrations in nearby waters.

Dr. W. A. Higgenbotham, Chairman of the Federation of American Scientists, says today that



atomic power has started the human race on the road to the greatest ~~economic~~ economic revolution in history. Dr. Higgenbotham is less conservative than other nuclear scientists because he prophesies tangible benefits from atomic energy within the next five years. He thinks that even within two years electric power can be generated by atomic ~~lx~~ plants. And within five years great ocean going liners may plow the waters powered by atomic energy. *He believes all this will* ~~bring~~ <sup>bring</sup> about an economic upheaval which will make the industrial accomplishments of the machine/age seem trivial.

~~People have been told too much and taught ~~too~~ to think too much of atomic energy as a weapon. ~~What they~~ What they need to realize is that atomic medicine has already saved tens of thousands of lives.~~

~~A power plant has been planned for Oak Ridge, Tennessee, where the atomic bomb was born. It will be ~~lx~~ capable of generating as much power as a big dam.~~



## EARTHQUAKE

Early this morning seismologists all over America announced that there had been a terrific earthquake somewhere in the Caribbean <sup>yesterday.</sup> The needles on the scientific instruments recorded one of the heaviest shocks of all time - but evidently underwater.

We now know that the quake produced a tidal wave of atomic proportions that virtually destroyed two towns on the northern shore of the island of Santo Domingo and inundated several villages. The waves struck the island on a front of several hundred miles, along the northern coast, and inland as far as twenty-five miles.

There is no definite news ~~is~~ because all communications are down. Such reports as we ~~have~~ <sup>have</sup> are brought by refugees fleeing from the scene of the catastrophe. The earthquake itself was felt at Trujillo, the former city of Santo Domingo - oldest white settlement in the Western hemisphere. No lives

were lost, there, but roofs of some of the ancient buildings collapsed, and walls of others cracked.

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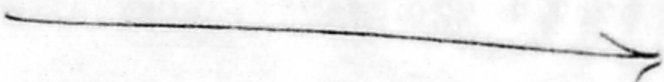
There is to be an investigation into the killing of three Marines who were ambushed last week, also the kidnapping of seven other Marines by Chinese Communists on July Thirteenth.

But let me report of irregularities near to the office. Sol, says General Bradley, he already knew something was wrong. All this he told to the forty-eighth National Encampment of Spanish War Veterans. He told them how trick practices are being used, not only by employers but also by veterans. As an example he pointed out how something must be wrong when in one state it takes three years to learn to be a stock clerk and in another only three months. Also, training establishments reduce the beginning wage of men by an amount equal to their

## VETERANS

A scandal coming over veteran's affairs. Millions in Federal funds have gone into the wrong pockets. So says the Administrator of Veterans Affairs, General Omar Bradley.

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subsistence allowance. For instance, in a southern town a garage owner reduced the wage of a mechanic from thirty-five <sup>dollars</sup> to twenty-three when he applied to be trained for a foreman's job. He excused himself on the ground that the subsistence allowance would more than make up the difference.

Bradley told of another instance. In a large western department store both the advertising manager and sales manager applied for job training. One of them was the son of the President of the store. He was drawing seven hundred dollars a month and was training to take his father's job. The other, who was getting six hundred a month, was training for the vice-presidency. Trick practices like those, <sup>said</sup> General Bradley, ~~said~~, are besmirching a program which aims to offer honest and useful training to thousands of veterans who need it.



## WAR PROFITS

Congressman May's physician in Washington is puzzled. Says he doesn't know why his patient left Washington so ~~and~~ suddenly for Prestonburg, Kentucky, where he lives.

The Congressman's office gave out the announcement that he had a heart attack and could not appear before the Investigating Committee of the Senate to explain his relations to the Garssen brothers and their munitions empire. Well, Congressman May's doctor in Washington, who has been attending him for ten years, says he knows ~~ix~~ no reason why the Kentucky Chairman of the Military Affairs Committee should not be able to appear before the Committee.

However, back home in Prestonburg, May's doctor there today told newspapermen that the Congressman is in a critical condition and may never be able to return to Washington even if his

constituents re-elect him in November. May is seventy one years old and more ailing than at any time in the past fourteen years. His home town physician will not even let him sit up.

The Senators on the Investigating Committee received these conflicting reports in silence. The Kentucky doctor, referring to the gravity of Congressman May's illness, says he does not believe it was brought about by the investigation. A man of that age, says the physician, can become ill at any time.

May has <sup>been</sup> ~~not~~ renominated by the Democrats in his district, but his doctor says he'll not be able to campaign actively against his Republican opponent. And Kentucky districts, as we know, are sometimes Democratic and then again the Republicans win. So, getting the Democratic nomination doesn't give Congressman May an automatic victory - not in Kentucky.

## PRIZE SHIP

Last week we heard how the passengers and crew aboard the ship American Farmer were dramatically rescued at sea by the crew of another vessel. The American Farmer was abandoned because her officers and crew thought she was sinking. Well, today she's still afloat, and in the news.

When the American Farmer didn't go down she became a derelict, and, according to Maritime Law, she then could be salvaged by the first comer - in other words, a valuable prize. In fact one third of the value of a salvaged derelict goes to the owners, officers and crew of the ship salvaging her.

Well, the first comer in this instance, was a British tramp, the Elizabete, on her way home from Newfoundland with a cargo of timber. Her Captain put a prize crew aboard the American Farmer and took her in tow. Meanwhile, United States Lines, owner



of the American Farmer, got wind that she hadn't sunk, and was now a derelict. So they radioed another ship owned by their line, the American Ranger, ordered the Ranger to put on full steam and get there first. But, the American Ranger didn't quite get there first. However, as she approached the derelict, her Captain signalled the Captain of the tramp, "Hands off, this prize is mine".

Accompanying the American Ranger was Uncle Sam's destroyer PERRY. The man-o'-war took no part in the argument that followed, just stood by as a sort of umpire.

The Captain of the tramp protested - in vain - for the Captain of the American Ranger sent a much larger prize crew on board the American Farmer and cut the tow line between her and the British tramp. Since the British prize crew was outnumbered

they made use of that better part of value which is called discretion, and left. The American prize crew then discovered that the American Farmer was not nearly so badly injured as she seemed to be right after the collision in which she had been. In fact, they managed to get steam up and start her on her way East under her own power. She carries a valuable cargo, eight thousand tons of foodstuffs, including wheat worth two million dollars.

The dispossessed Britishers, how do they feel? They are annoyed. The owners of the tramp whose prize crew got to the American Farmer first, they call the action of the Captain of the American <sup>Ranger</sup> ~~RANGER~~ "high-handed". The directors of the company who own the tramp say the derelict is their prize, and have so reported to the British Admiralty and to solicitors for the British Treasury.

All of which bids fair to produce one of the most complicated lawsuits over salvage on record,

When last heard from the American Farmer was on her way under her own power, toward some port in the Bristol Channel, with the American destroyer PERRY standing by.



BINGHAMTON

This day is a special occasion in Binghamton, New York -- Binghamton, Endicott and Johnson City, three cities all close together ~~which proudly~~ <sup>which</sup> call themselves the Triple Cities, ~~of the southern tier of New York State~~ <sup>the</sup> NBC today acquired a new affiliate station, WINR, ~~and I'm glad~~ <sup>at Binghamton and</sup> this broadcast is part of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> inaugural day celebration.

~~Supply enough,~~ George O'Connor, News Editor of WINR, wires me ~~an interesting~~ story of adventure from the ~~triple~~ triple cities. Three lads, one of them nine years old, the other twelve, and the other sixteen, all of Endicott, became possessed of the pioneer spirit. Following the immortal advice of Horace Greely, they went West -- the young men -- went West, and wound up, appropriately, in Greely, Colorado, not so very far from one of my old hunting grounds. They got there not as Horace Greely would have gone, but by taxicab, airplane and train.

In Greely, sixteen-year-old Michael Martin, twelve-year-old Donald Harrell, and nine-year-old Phillip De Stefano, rigged themselves out in cowpuncher costumes, chaps, saddles, ~~tin~~ ten-gallon hats, shooting irons, and all. When they tried to buy horses, flashing a fat bankroll of forty-eight hundred dollars, the dealer became suspicious in a highly modern fashion. Instead of selling them the cayuses they wanted, he telephoned the Greely gendarmerie. When the Greely cops saw that fat bankroll they thought it rather large to be in the possession of three youngsters. So they communicated with the police of the Triple Cities, ~~in New York~~.

The Chief of Police of Endicott called upon the parents of the three boys and learned that the forty-eight hundred dollar bank roll represented a strike which one of the lads had dug up out of grandpa's safe. So a couple of officers left Endicott for Greely. And the three adventurers will shortly be on their way home, home from the range.