

HURLEY

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Secretary of State Byrnes today gave his support to General Hurley, who has resigned as Ambassador to China. The Secretary stated that he would have backed up Ambassador Hurley in his dispute with certain officials in the State Department - whom the Ambassador charges with Communist sabotage of American foreign policy in China.

And, at the same time, Secretary Byrnes named two of the State Department officials about whom Hurley complains.

They are, George Acheson and John Service, ~~whom~~ who were members of the American diplomatic staff at Chungking when General Hurley went out there as Ambassador. There were disagreements, and eight ~~of the~~ American diplomat^s ~~s~~ at Chungking were recalled - including Acheson and Service. Later, they were sent to Tokyo as advisors to General MacArthur.

One of the two, John Service, was named with *persons - named* several others [^] in charges made by the F.B.I. ^{some months ago --} - charges connected with the disclosure of State Department secrets. Some of those accused ~~was~~ ^{were} ~~^~~ said to be Communists. The case of John Service went before a federal grand jury, and he was exonerated of the charge of revealing secrets.

~~Secretary Byrnes stated today that he is going to investigate complaints against Acheson and Service because he ~~was~~ is convinced that Ambassador Hurley's resignation was connected with their activities. The Ambassador is reported to be ^{willing} ~~easy~~ to name still others, whom he charges with undermining American policy in China in the interests of Communism.~~

The resignation of Hurley was a surprise - how much of a surprise was indicated by Secretary Burnes today. He said he fully expected the Ambassador to return to his post at Chungking, and that as recently as Monday

afternoon Hurley had agreed to go back to China. ^T Why did he change his mind so suddenly? Because of speeches made in Congress. Hurley was angered by Congressional attacks against the policy he had followed in China - that of supporting the nationalist government of Chiang Kai-shek against the Chinese Communists. Hurley was particularly irked by Congressman Hugh Delacy of ~~the State of~~ Washington, who assailed the Ambassador for showing favoritism to Chiang Kai-shek. According to Hurley, these blasts in Congress included information that had leaked out of the State Department ^{and} - _^ were evidence that State Department secrets about China were being divulged. So that made his resign.

Today in Congress there were demands that the retiring Ambassador tell his story to the legislators. Congressman Curtis of Nebraska called for the dismissal of Reds and Pinks in the State Department - "every Communist

and near-Communist," said he. ~~It looks as if there'll be~~

Here's the latest:-
~~A resolution has just been entered~~
~~a congressional investigation of the Hurley charges.~~

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~~the more so as there have been repeated complaints for a~~
the Hurley charges.

~~long time about Red influences in the Department that~~

~~fixes carries out our foreign policy.~~

Hurley today expanded his accusations in an address to the National Press Club in Washington. He stated that the American policy which he had carried out in China, had ~~xxxxxxx~~ the support of the governments of both Great Britain and Soviet Russia. But it was failing, he added, because of double-dealing from two sides. ~~on~~ one side, what he called "imperialist civil servants." He said that these ~~imperialist civil servants~~ were British, French and Dutch. On the other side - pro-Communist career diplomats of the State Department in Washington.

~~Seems like an odd combination - colonial~~
~~officials of imperialist powers and communistically~~

~~inclined Americans. The Hurley point seems to be that both these opposites are interested in preventing China from being unified.~~

Well, out there in Far Off Asia
~~Army off in China~~ officials of the Chiang

Kai-shek government were astounded by the resignation of Ambassador Hurley. But they expressed fervent approbation for the new Ambassador appointed to succeed him - General Marshall, war-time Army Chief-of-Staff, who now becomes *head of our Embassy in* ~~American Ambassador~~ China.

CHINESE PUNISHMENT

There are legends about the cruelty of the Orient, and these appear to be substantiated by a news dispatch from Peiping today. In that city there are some twenty thousand Koreans, and these have been misbehaving.- ~~HERE~~
~~according to the story~~ So the Chinese authorities have had the Koreans rounded up, and they are being punished.

How? ~~E~~ The answer suggests an exquisite refinement of oriental torture. The offending Koreans have been locked up in - the Temple of Ten Thousand Punishments. That's an ancient shrine filled with hideous images depicting all kinds of ^{horrible} ~~frightful~~ punishments. All the frightful penalties that the old-time Chinese could think of are represented in the most ferocious kind of sculpture and painting. ~~A~~ And that's where those poor Koreans have to live - gazing at the ten thousand punishments.

PEARL HARBOR

At the Pearl Harbor investigation, a demand was made today for all communications that passed between President Roosevelt and British Prime Minister Winston Churchill during the critical period before the outbreak of war in the Pacific. Republican Congressman ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Keefe of Wisconsin stated that the Roosevelt-Churchill messages were needed to throw light on the American reply to Japan on November Twenty-Sixth - the diplomatic paper so much in controversy. [¶] Former Secretary of State

~~Cordell Hull has related how it had been planned to put into that communication, sent eleven days before Pearl Harbor, a sort of compromise proposal to the Japs, ~~in~~ something that perhaps would delay the outbreak of war - the Army and Navy demanding that a showdown be delayed.~~

[¶] ~~But the compromise idea was left out - because of objections by China and a cool reception by Great Britain.~~

~~Congressman Keefe argues that the Roosevelt-Churchill~~

~~correspondence may have a good deal of bearing on why
the compromise proposal was not made.~~

The witness before the Committee today was former Ambassador Grew, who told how two days before Pearl Harbor the United States Embassy in Tokyo began destroying secret documents, like codes - in the obvious expectation of imminent war. ^{TR} A demand was made that the Committee be shown a long private diary Ambassador Grew kept during his diplomatic stay in Japan. Grew said - "No, the diary was a private matter." He was unyielding in his refusal, and the matter was dropped - for the time being, at least.

~~And Chairman Senator Barkley of Kentucky stated today that General Marshall will be called to testify before the Pearl Harbor Committee before he leaves for China as American Ambassador. The investigators want General Marshall to tell about communications~~

YAMASHITA

Yamashita took the stand today in his own defense, and denied that he had ordered the ~~Jap atrocities~~ committed at Manila. "I never ordered the destruction of Manila!" ^{So he said. ~~that~~} ~~the Japanese Lieutenant General said on the witness stand.~~ "I absolutely did not order the killing and raping of civilians," he went on, ~~and added that so far as he knew, his subordinates did not issue any such orders.~~ "I absolutely did not order the killing of prisoners of war, nor did my subordinates," he declared. Yamashita stated, in fact, that he had been reprimanded because of the consideration he had given to prisoners of war.

Meanwhile, the Supreme Court of the Philippines has rejected the plea for ^a writ of habeas corpus by Yamashita's American defense counsel - and now the plea is being taken to the Supreme Court of the United States.

NUREMBERG

At the Nuremberg trial, the ugliest picture of all was painted today. It had nothing to do with Nazi horrors and inhuman barbarities, but in some ways it was even more repugnant than any picture of a Nazi ^{criminal.} atrocity-_A
~~criminal.~~

It was a portrait of Baron Franz von Papen, Hitler's ace diplomat. The artist who painted it was an American diplomat, George Messersmith, who had dealings with von Papen during the time when the Nazis were plotting to seize Austria. (All along, of course, we had heard of Hitler's Number One negotiator as a slick and slippery double-dealer. That was his reputation from the time during World War ~~Number~~ One, when von Papen was mixed up with German espionage ~~and~~ intrigues in the United States. But no previous account has had quite the mordant strokes as the analysis of von Papen given today.) .

George Messersmith reported to the State Department

in Washington in Nineteen Thirty-Five that von Papen was one of several big shots of German diplomacy who deliberately gave the impression that they were anti-Nazis at heart. This they did with cunning scheming, to ~~assume~~ ~~themselves~~ a disguise ~~and~~ fooling people. Doing Hitler's dirty work, they disarmed suspicion by giving the impression that at heart they really wanted to overthrow Hitler.

Von Papen was pictured as using his very religion to promote the deception. He is a Catholic, and built up a reputation as a devout Christian - to cover his Nazi plans.

~~This was particularly the case in the Nazi ~~xxxx~~ rape of Austria. In this, von Papen was an arch conspirator, and it was his great opportunity to work the game of being a fervent Catholic - Austria being a Catholic country.~~ **A** In an affidavit given by American

Diplomat Messersmith, the following statement is made, as phrased by the news dispatch: "Von Papen boasted that Germany would spare no means to murder Austrian independence, and boasted also that he intended to use his Catholic Church membership to gain influence on patriotic Austrians, including Cardinal Innitzer."

When all this was stated by the American prosecutor at the Nuremberg trial today, von Papen, sitting in the prisoner's dock, flushed with a red face, and made angry grimaces.

TRAITOR

At historic Old Bailey, in London today, a British Justice did a thing that has often been done in Old Bailey with its grim record for crime and punishment during generations of stern British law. Mr. Justice Travers Humphries put a black cap over his wig, - the black cap, the traditional ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ symbol of a death sentence. Whereupon the decree of doom was passed - guilty of treason, penalty hanging.

The traitor sentenced was a British radio propagandist for Hitler - John Amery, son of a Cabinet member of the British wartime government. His father is Leopold S. Amery, who from Nineteen Forty to Nineteen Forty-Five, was Secretary of State for India and Burma in the Cabinet of Winston Churchill.

The black cap on the judge's wig today marked the ultimate downfall ⁱⁿ a turbulent and disgraceful career. John Amery began ~~xi~~ that career with all the

fair prospects in the world before him, son of a family of wealth and prominence. He got into trouble first when his family objected to his marriage with an actress.

Twenty years old, he ran away and married the actress in Athens. With her, he frolicked across Europe, until he

was arrested for passing a bad check. ^R He concocted large

^{Financial} schemes, which always fell flat. He got into the news by

promoting a film company with a plan to make a picture in

Europe starring the late blond motion picture favorite,

Jean Harlow. That ended in bankruptcy.

He was in France when the Nazis came, and he joined them - making propaganda broadcasts for them and trying to induce Britishers to join an anti-Bolshevist legion to fight against the Soviet Red Army. One curiosity was this - John Amery propagandised anti-Semitism. Yet, he was descended on his father's side from a famous Jewish scholar.

When he faced the court today, it was expected he would make a defense in ~~the~~^a trial that would last for days. Instead, he pleaded guilty to treason, and was sentenced to hang, as - "traitor to your King and country." Those were the words of the Justice with the black cap over his wig.

STRIKE

The steel workers have voted in favor of a strike. The ballots have not been counted in the strike election held today, but the word from Pittsburgh is that the first returns indicate an overwhelming majority in favor of authorizing the Union leaders to call a walkout, if they think this advisable.

Six-hundred-and-fifty-thousand steel workers voted today in twenty-seven states, employees of seven-hundred-and-sixty-six companies, in almost two thousand plants. The Union is demanding a wage raise of two dollars a day, and a general steel strike is expected, though sources close to industry say they don't think it will happen before the middle of January.

I was talking to ^{C.D.O. head} Phillip Murray, at luncheon today, and he told me the workers are anxious not to strike.

ILKA CHASE

In New York today the suggestion was made that we men should go on - a love strike. The idea is propounded by a woman - Ilka Chase, actress, author, playwright. She says that women are too demanding and possessive, and the men shouldn't stand for it any longer - they should go on strike.

I happen to know Ilka, and also her husband - Bill Murray. I don't know why Ilka should sympathize so much with us men - maybe she sympathizes with Bill.

Anyway, my dear ladies, here's the picture she paints: "Women are barnacles," says Ilka Chase. "They stick to a man too closely. They are leeches too, in many cases," she goes on. "They take - and never give." And now, my dear barnacles and leeches, what do you think of that?

But how could we stage a love strike? Would we form a picket line and carry signs, saying - "Unfair to

organized fall guys."

Leave it to Ilka Chase to be practical about such matters. She points out that in marriage women stand to gain more financially than men. It's hubby who puts up the cash for the little woman. - So, men ^{should} ~~could~~ hold back on the do-ray-me. In other words, the Ilka Chase kind of love-strike would really be a pocket book strike.

~~Well, I suppose cutting down on the cash might bring the barnacles and leeches to terms willing to accept a compromise. And it would save money. A love strike via the pocket book would, of course, take strength of character. A beautiful blonde might remark - "Darling, you're a tightwad." To which one would have to reply firmly: "Yes I'm a Democrat, an anti-isolationist, and a tightwad."~~

I suppose we would need a ^{Love-} strike-leader for our amalgamated order of domestic tightwads. Who would you suggest, ladies? And don't name your husband.

O'TOOLE

At Clinton, Massachusetts, today a charge of drunkenness was made against Mark O'Toole. He was fined ten dollars by Judge O'Toole. He had been arrested yesterday by Policeman O'Toole, on the complaint of ~~John~~ John O'Toole. And he was booked at police headquarters by Desk Officer O'Toole. ^{TP} No, I haven't gone haywire - haven't got O'Toole on the brain. The United Press dispatch from Clinton, Massachusetts, states that the defendant and the judge, the policeman making the arrest, the complainant and the desk officer at headquarters, were all named - O'Toole.

Clinton must have a large population of Italians, Poles, Lithuanians - or something, *must it.*

Now here is Hugh O'Toole. ~~was~~