

CHURCHES

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*Yosemite.*

The Federal Council of Churches made a formal move today for a Protestant-Catholic World Conference to ~~xxx~~ consider the menace of Communism. In New York the Executive Committee of the Council requested an international meeting of Protestant and Catholic Church leaders, and appointed Bishop Oxnam of the Methodist Church to seek the approval of the World Council of Churches. <sup>TP</sup> This is another step in the direction of <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ United front ~~is~~ of the two great sections of Christianity - for the purpose of combatting the anti-Christian war waged by Soviet Russia and the Red satellites.

## TRUMAN

At the Little White House, Key West, silence.

As the day went on, No comment from President Truman <sup>regarding</sup> the series of administration defeats in Congress, <sup>so severe</sup> that the news dispatches are <sup>referring to yesterday as</sup> ~~saying~~ - black

<sup>TP</sup> Tuesday. Three defeats for the President in rapid succession:- He lost the battle of the filibuster, which came to an end at about eleven o'clock last night, Washington time. Previously the House of Representatives had passed its own rent control bill, <sup>a</sup> much weaker <sup>bill</sup> than the White House wanted--; the Truman version tossed out. <sup>TP</sup> Bitterest of all, as a personal matter, was the summary way the armed Services Committee of the Senate rejected the appointment of President Truman's close personal friend, former Governor Mon Walgren of Washington as Chairman of the National Resources Board. Seldom has the White House taken three such blows on one day - Black Tuesday <sup>for the Administration.</sup>

So everybody is wondering - what will President Truman do about it? Several weeks ago,

at a Democratic dinner, he intimated that, if Congress failed to enact his program he would go to the country again. He would repeat that strenuous battling tour, from one end of the nation to the other, which <sup>won</sup> ~~were~~ the November election. That, *as we all know,* returned him to the White House, and crushed his number one object of hostility, the Republican controlled Eightieth Congress. <sup>if</sup> Well, the Truman luck *seems to be* no better ~~is~~ with the Democratic Eighty-First Congress. So, if the President had any real intention of stumping the country again in an anti-Congress campaign, he certainly has ample reason now. Of course, this time, he would be assailing a Democratic Congress, *the very Democratic Congress that* ~~the kind~~ he asked the voters to put into office. <sup>all of</sup> Which might be slightly embarrassing. *Today, Wednesday, were on,* But as ~~the day went on,~~ there was no news from the Little White House at Key West, no sign of what the President intends to do about his triple defeat.

The magnitude of the filibuster catastrophe was indicated by developments today. The Southern Democrats called off their long distance oratory, as the result of a deal with the Republicans. The regular Democrats were left out of it. - <sup>it was purely</sup> a G O P - Dixiecrat transaction. Which means that Republicans and ~~the~~ Southerners, in a coalition, have seized <sup>z</sup> control of Congress. The arrangement between them would seem to indicate that there will be no anti-filibuster measure capable of stopping the Southerners, whenever they decide to ~~the~~ matters up on the issue of racial rights. <sup>all of which</sup> ~~so it all~~ means that the Truman racial program <sup>goes into</sup> ~~is in~~ the discard. Yet that <sup>very</sup> issue of civil rights was dominant in the Truman presidential campaign, a leading item among all the promises the President made.

The sharpness of the issue is illustrated by a disclosure made in Washington today. It is revealed that, yesterday, there was an angry flareup between

Democratic National Chairman Senator McGrath and the leader of the big Negro organization, Walter White, Chairman of the National Association for advancement of colored people. The story, as told today, is that McGrath encountered Walter White in an ante-room a few steps from the Senate chamber, where the southern filibuster was going on. The leader of the Negro organization was in conversation with Democratic Senator Humphrey of Minnesota - that same Hubert Humphrey who brokethe racial question wide open at the Democratic convention.

Remember that exciting day last June? Remember how a compromise appeared to have been reached between the Truman leaders and the Southerners on the subject of ~~an~~ civil rights? But the delegate from Minnesota, Hubert Humphrey went to the platform as a leader of liberal Democrats and ~~stamped the~~ <sup>stampeded the</sup> convention with a fiery demand for an all-out racial plank.- The plank was adopted; - which brought about the secession of the Dixiecrats.

In the election, Humphrey himself was chosen Senator - and now <sup>there he</sup> ~~he~~ was in conversation with Negro organization leader Walter White. <sup>Whereupon</sup> ~~So~~ in came Democratic National Chairman Senator McGrath. We hear that McGrath was sore because White ~~xxx~~ had been charging a democratic sell-out in the business of racial rights and the southern filibuster. They started talking, and White is said to have shown McGrath a press release he was about to issue. In <sup>it an</sup> ~~this the~~ intimation ~~was~~ that the Truman administration was about to give up ~~on~~ on the anti-filibuster fight; <sup>which</sup> ~~and~~ the press release called "this" "Appomattox in reverse"; The northern victory over slavery in the civil war - changed around.

The response of McGrath was violent. The Democratic National Chairman broke into a loud and angry tirade against the chairman of the National Association for the advancement <sup>of</sup> ~~for~~ colored people, and charged him with conducting a whispering campaign to newspapermen - whispering that the Truman leaders

were selling out ~~to~~ the Negroes. McGrath told White that he was unfairly attacking democrats who, said McGrath, "have sweated and bled in your cause."

The leader of the Negro organization is described as making no response, as McGrath went on and on ~~for~~ until he was quieted down by Democratic Senator Myers of Pennsylvania who intervened.

This Washington story of flaring temper might well be an illustration of the desperation of the Truman leaders, who <sup>now</sup> have lost control of Congress to an alliance of Republicans and Southerners.

FOLLOW TRUMAN

The latest, angry words from Democratic leader Senator Lucas. He charges that the Republicans surrendered to the Southern filibuster, and <sup>he</sup> admits <sub>1</sub> that the Dixieland oratory was what he calls - "a funeral service for civil rights".



RENT

A Senate sub-committee has drawn up a rent control bill which would permit three increases of five percent each. The bill, okayed by a sub-committee is for fifteen months, and now leaves a subject for Senate debate - with that provision for this five percent increase of rent.

## EUROPE

The most important dispatch from abroad tonight begins as follows: "London, March 16th. Europe had a bad case of the war jitters today. ~~There~~ There was a feeling across the continent that a diplomatic crisis with, Russia was in the making.

The dispatch goes on to say that diplomatic circles expect a new Soviet push in the cold war, and they believe it will happen this coming summer - with Russian moves in the Near East most likely. Right now Moscow is putting pressure on Iran, this featured by a violent ~~propag~~ propaganda campaign. The Persian government today described the Red press and radio insults as being beyond - "civilized standards."

It all sounds like a prelude to Soviet activity in the direction of Iran, and today an official of the foreign office at Teheran said that his country should join the line-up of western powers by making a military alliance with the ~~the~~ United States.

Still more to the point is the news of the

formation of a western power defense program - a master plan for developing the military ~~power~~ power of the free nations. This was drawn up at a meeting in London.

The military Chiefs of Great Britain, Belgium, Holland and Luxemburg have completed a two-day meeting - under conditions of what amounted to war time secrecy. They drew up a program for each country to arm as fast ~~is~~ as it can. Each is to manufacture all the weapons it can - the United States to be asked to provide additional armament. We hear that the secret defense conference - drawing up a master plan, went so far as to choose a military line to be held, in case of war with ~~the~~ Soviet Russia - a line from Switzerland along the Rhine, to the North Sea.

Great Britain is taking the lead in the international re-armament, the London government announces that the British jet fighter strength is being doubled - rushing production of jet planes.

Britain has agreed to let France manufacture the British Vampire jet fighters - so that France may equip its Air Force with jet speedsters that fly at five hundred thirty one miles an hour. <sup>H</sup> This master defense plan is preparation for the expected this summer. The view is that the western powers had better have plenty of guns and planes when the crisis comes. Then they will be in a position to sit down and talk with Stalin, <sup>that</sup> - he understand the language of guns and planes. From Washington we have comment on the jitters reported in Europe. American diplomatic and military officials agree in the expectation that there will be a new rise of East-West tension, but they do not think the Soviets are in any position to risk a war.

TOKYO

Today in Tokyo an international meeting was held, <sup>the</sup> Soviets and ~~West~~ern powers. So here is news: Everything went off smoothly, not a sign of an argument. Not a single exchange of international insults. <sup>TP</sup> The Allied Council for Japan went into session, and gave a demonstration of how East and West can get along in perfect harmony. <sup>TP</sup> There was no argument, because nothing was discussed. There was no point of disagreement, because no point of any sort was brought up for consideration. That is the regular way for the Allied Council out there. They meet once every two weeks - with nothing on the agenda. <sup>TP</sup> MacArthur is running Japan, and that is that. -

The Allied Council for the control of the conquered country being a mere matter of form. In ~~earlier~~ days of the occupation, the Soviet member might get up and denounce MacArthur in heated fashion. <sup>Whereupon the</sup> ~~and the~~ American delegate would reply with <sup>an</sup> equally heated defense of the Supreme Commander. But the Soviets have long since got tired of that. So now, there it is - nothing.

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All of which was illustrated vividly today. The Allied council for Japan went into session, East and West - and adjourned in half a minute. Which certainly would seem to be one way of getting along with the Soviets! - considering nothing at all in a session of half a minute!

LONDON

" news dispatch states that London is puzzled and no wonder - London is having a glimpse of Los Angeles - an eyeful of a characteristic feature.

The Southern California metropolis has a reputation for queer cults, ~~and~~ a curious assortment of mystics, prophets, and wonder workers. <sup>And</sup> ~~So~~ London right now is goggly-eyed over Krishna Venta, a ~~messiah~~<sup>h</sup> from Los Angeles. Krishna Venta sounds Hindu and this Messiah goes barefoot and wears flowing robes - like some sort of high priest ~~of~~<sup>of</sup> Yoga, Vedanta, or esoteric Brahminism.

Today's London headline about Krishna Venta, is that he has changed his place of residence - "to get closer to the people", as he puts it. He is moving from a thirty-five dollar a day apartment to a-seventeen-dollar-a-day apartment, ~~which~~<sup>W</sup>, still, would hardly seem to be the sidewalks of Picadilly. The Messiah from Los Angeles does ~~not~~ appear to be in any lack of funds, and his change of residence is not because of economy. He was living at Claridge's, <sup>where he</sup> ~~and~~ was simply too conspicuous and exotic

for that hotel of Royalty - with crowds of people flocking in to see the Southern California Savior of the World. The high-toned management at Claridge's raised a supercilious British eyebrow, and preferred that Krishna Venta move on.

But anyway, he is hitting the headlines, <sup>with</sup> ~~and~~ London ~~is~~ puzzled by this glimpse of Los Angeles. One British newspaper today <sup>in</sup> reached <sup>ing</sup> for adjectives ~~to~~ describing <sup>ed</sup> him ~~and~~ <sup>as</sup> ~~called~~ the Los Angeles Messiah <sup>the</sup> "centrally heated hot gosseller."



JOE LOUIS

A report that retired heavyweight Champion, Joe Louis, will take virtual control of the prize fight business in this country. That is, the organization in which the former champ is associated with two partners. We hear that they will buy out Mike Jacobs, who runs boxing at New York's Madison Square Garden, thereby assuming a kingpin position in the game of punch and slug.

The statement is ~~is~~ made in a magazine called "Sports", edited by Stanley Woodward, formerly of the New York Herald Tribune. He points out that Mike Jacobs, not only controls Madison Square Garden, but also has leases on the two New York ball parks and the Stadium in Chicago and Detroit - for boxing purposes. So the Joe Louis combination, by acquiring these, would have a virtual domination of big time boxing. Such is the story.

YOUNGEST GRANDMOTHER

*Extra*

A new title was claimed today - that of the youngest grandmother. Mrs. Maybelle Parker of Lewiston, Idaho is twenty nine years old - and a grandmother. She had her first child when she was thirteen, a girl, who now has had twins at sixteen. The twenty-nine year old grandmother has several other daughters, and today she said, "I hope I can rear my three youngest daughters so they will have more sense."

## THE SHAMROCK

I am broadcasting tonight from an improvised studio in the midst of the giant trees for which the Sierras of California are so famous, and above the trees <sup>are</sup> sheer cliffs, rock walls two and three thousand feet higher than the Valley floor. If I were to open the window you might hear the sound of rushing water plunging over one of the cliffs, water dropping down down, so far that before it stops falling it has turned into mist. And from that those of you who have travelled <sup>here in</sup> to the Sierras ~~xxx~~ will know where I am. Yes, in Yosemite, at the great Awahnee Inn, <sup>— an Inn that</sup> ~~which~~ belongs to all of you, to all Americans, because it's in one of Uncle Sam's most spectacular National Parks.

Which reminds me that over the press wire this afternoon came word of the opening of an inn <sup>when we recall that tomorrow is March 17<sup>th</sup>.</sup> with an appropriate name. It's called the Shamrock and of course tomorrow is St. Patrick's Day. The Shamrock is in Houston, Texas, and there are those who say that Houston Texas one day will be the largest city in North America. Judging by the

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Shamrock they <sup>already</sup> must be getting ready for that day, for it is eighteen stories high, costs <sup>18</sup> million dollars, occupies <sup>5</sup> ~~15~~ <sup>area</sup> fifteen acres on Houston's famous main street, and has a thousand car garage, swimming pool with underwater lights, twelve thousand square feet of kitchen space where they agree to turn out any dish ~~in~~ under the sun, Rooms equipped with radio, <sup>and</sup> television, shops, a bank, promenades, five hundred original paintings on the walls, motion picture theater, an elaborate medical department, <sup>and so on.</sup>

Yes, they <sup>do do</sup> ~~are doing~~ things in ~~quite~~ a big way in Texas these days. And on the eve of St.

Patrick's Day, from the glorious Awahnee, at the foot of Yosemite Falls, here's a salute to the Shamrock, in which you may wish to join me Ken.<sup>2</sup>