

Labor.....

The strike crisis is threatening the worst industrial tie-up in <sup>AMERICAN</sup> ~~american~~ history. This we hear from Washington-with word

that the Government is planning a series of moves to avert new walkouts that threaten to involve an additional million

and five hundred thousand workers. A whole series of

industries are likely to be shut down by labor trouble-according

to word word from many sectors of the industrial front.

At the same time, the White House denies that there is any

rift between President Truman and His secretary of labor-

schwollenbach. Reports drifting around Washington are based

on the appointment of John R. Steelman, former Director of the

Conciliation Service, as a presidential advisor-on labor matters.

It is noted that Steelman, not the secretary of labor, accompanied

the President on his new year cruise, during which he prepared

his address to the nation-to be delivered tomorrow night. The

address it is believed, will deal largely with labor matters.

Secretary Schellenbach has been away from his desk for a couple

of weeks because of illness, and that has spread rumors that *he*

*he* might resign. However, the White House denies that there is any rift.

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One of the most serious of the threatening strikes is that of Packing House Workers. The walkout has been ordered for January sixteenth, and will affect four major producers, one hundred and forty-seven plants, and two hundred thousand workers. Such a strike of the Packing House Workers would soon cut the nation's meat supply down to the vanishing point

Nuremberg....

There was testimony at the Nuremberg trial today about the murder of allied prisoners of war. The evidence showed that Hitler gave orders that no mercy should be shown to commando-soldiers of allied raiding parties. This the Nazi dictator decreed in one of his fits of fury-the killing of commandos and raiders.

Specific orders for such executions were given by one of the defendants in the Nuremberg trial, ernest Kaltenbrunner, formerly Number two man of the Gestapo. Kaltenbrunner told his henchmen that after prisoners of war were executed, attempts should be made to have it appear that the victims were killed by bombing or in attempts to escape. Testimony today showed that Kaltenbrunner signed an order for the murder of a group of Americans of the Order of Strategic Services, who joined a premature uprising in Czechoslovakia.

And today's nuremberg evidence reached a new climax of horror and pity, evidence of the nazi extermination of the jewish population of the Ukraine. A witness told a story of how, in mass killings, unfortunate victims were herded to a huge murder



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pit, whole families, parents and their children.

Meanwhile, we have a denial of a story that the Russians

have identified hitler's body. The report appeared in Paris

and related that they Soviets had found remains of the Nazi

Fuehrer at the Chancelery in Berlin-identification being established

by dentistry. British intelligence officers declare that this is

untrue-nothing to it.

## Killing

Stories differ about the killing of Still another american soldier in Berlin. There are two versions, one British and one American. But both agree that Russians, Red Army soldiers, have been arrested for the murders.

The British story is that the American soldier was in a Berlin cafe with a german girl, when two men in Red Army uniforms walked in and shot both the soldier and the girl-killing him and wounding her. The american version is that the shooting took place on the sidewalk outside of the cabaret, following a quarrel and a scuffle-and that Red army soldiers have been arrested for it and turned over to the Soviet military authorities.

This latest shooting makes three American soldiers killed in Berlin during the past ten days.

zion

There was angry Jewish protest today because of a statement made by British Lieutenant General Sir Frederick E Morgan, director of UNRRA in Germany. He declared that there appears to be an organized movement to get jews from Europe to Palestine—a mass exodus. "The jews, said he, "seem to have an organized plan that can become a powerful force. Their positive plan is to get out of Europe."

Sir Frederick Morgan said that trainloads of jews were arriving in Berlin nearly every day. They have ~~money~~, <sup>he adds,</sup> and are well fed and clothed. They come from Poland—and give accounts of polosh anti-semitism driving them <sup>out,</sup>

General Morgan declares that he is becoming more and more convinced that reports of pogroms in Poland are based less and less on fact, and charges that they atrocity stories are part of an organized jewish plan to force the United Nations into giving the jews a permanent home—palestine. He said his representatives  
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in Poland have not been able to find any proof of anti-jewish outrages. People told them stories of outrages which were always said to have occurred in the next town-such is the contention of the Director of UNRRA in Germany.

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The jewish reaction is prompt and vigorous. A spokesman for the World Jewish Congress denies that there is any secret jewish organization inciting a mass exodus of jews from Europe. Dr Chaim Weizmann, President of the World Zionist Organization, calls the statement of the UNRRA Director-  
"palpably anti-semitic."

In New York, Dr Stephen S. Wise, President of the American World Jewish Congress says; "It savors of nazism at its worst." And he adds, "To speak of Jews living comfortably in Poland, is a brutal and harsh disregard of fifty to seventy-five thousand jews in Poland who cannot continue to live in a land which has become a Nationwide cemetery of their murdered people. "

Add Zion.....

The latest is a dispatch from Jerusalem which states that all jewish immigration into Palestine will be stopped until the joint inquiry commission has completed its investigation-the British ~~ambassador~~ American Commission agreed to by President Truman<sup>a</sup>. The British Chief Secretary of the Palestine Government states that no more visas for jewish immigration will be issued until the Commission report is in.



Palestine

In Palestine, a widespread search continues—a British hunt for Jewish terrorists accused of the bold outrages of several days ago. Today in Jerusalem five thousand Jews were arrested, <sup>held</sup> for questioning. During the past six days, ten thousand have been held, but the number <sup>detained</sup> ~~detained~~ for further investigation has not exceeded one hundred. Thus far, we hear the British have not been able to arrest one member of the group accused in the bombing and terrorism — the <sup>so-called</sup> ~~the~~ Stern Gang.

Bomb.....

TR At three o'clock tomorrow afternoon a thundering explosion will ring out in the town of East Bourne, <sup>over in</sup> England. And this will bring to a climax one of the most nerve-wracking post-war difficulty <sup>too</sup> that England has been having. That is-the clearing out of unexploded bombs left over from the great blitz.

TR The other day, we heard how in London all sorts of troubles and dangers were being encountered in getting rid of a giant unexploded bomb that had buried itself in a lumber yard. They got by that one all right; def-using it and neutralizing the high explosive with steam. The bomb at the coastal town of <sup>because</sup> Eastbourne is worse-they can't render it harmless.

TR The missile dropped in Nineteen Forty, landed in a recreation field and buried itself twenty-three feet deep in blue clay. More than three months ago, a crew of demolition experts started on the job of tunneling down to get at it. They've been ~~working~~ working ever since-for ninety-nine days.

TR The bomb, <sup>when it drove</sup> in digging down into the earth, struck something hard, and was <sup>DEFLECTED--</sup> ~~deflected~~ turned into such a position that they <sup>has been</sup> fusing mechanism was extremely difficult to reach. Two shafts had ~~to~~ to be sunk, and the most elaborate precautions had to

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be taken-because the slightest jar might cause an explosion,  
All traffic was diverted from the area to avoid reverberations  
of the earth. People moved from the area, which might be blown  
up.

Today came the final word. The demolition experts, having tunneled  
their way to the bomb, say-impossible! The fuse is in such a  
position that it is almost impossible to manipulate. ~~////~~

Also the bomb has a booby trap-the Nazis having set a device  
to keep anybody from tinkering with the fuse. So there is nothing  
to do but blow it up.

Today they were building sand bag barriers to check the force  
of the blast-and one man was listening. The bomb has a clock  
mechanism, and a listener wa stationed to keep an open ear for  
any sound of ticking. Tomorrow afternoon, at three o'clock-they're  
to blow it up.

Pearl Harbor.....

One of those moments that make history was described in Washington this afternoon-described by admiral Stark, who was Chief of Naval Operations at the time of Pearl Harbor.

He was telling of a conference He had with President roosevelt in Nineteen Forty. This was at the time when Pacific fleet Commander Admiral Richardson was Protesting that Pearl Harbor was no place to keep the warships under his command-defenses and facilities inadequate.

Admiral Stark agreed with Admiral Richardson-and today told how He had a discussion of the matter with President Roosevelt.

The conversation occurred at the White House. The Admiral said he <sup>has</sup> a most vivid recollection of it, as if it had just occurred-President Roosevelt stating his attitude in the question of keeping the fleet at Pearl Harbor.

Here<sup>is</sup> the statement by Admiral Stark-picturing one of those moments of history: "I might say", he related, "That when we first decided not to bring the fleet back, I was sitting alone with the President. I remember it like seconds ago. He said to me after a moment of complete silence-you could see the intense thought he gave it. "

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He said "When I'm in doubt, and don't know what to do I'm inclined to sit tight"

'So right there was made one of the important decisions in the events that preceeded the outbreak of war in the Pacific- "When I'm doubt and don't know what to do, I'm inclined to sit tight."

It's obvious what a tough decision it was to make-the admiral surging that the fleet be moved from Pearl Harbor, when the Japs <sup>were</sup> ~~was~~ likely to take such a move as a sign of weakness, withdrawal, backing down. So-sit tight.

## Supreme Court

The Supreme Court has reversed the convictions of three Utah polygamists, who were convicted under the Lindbergh Kidnapping Law- in Nineteen forty four.

They are members of what in Utah are called- "Fundamentalists."

This cult believes in plural marriage. <sup>call it -</sup> They say "Celestial marriage." well, Celestial or not, three Fundamentalists were tried for taking a fifteen year old girl to marry one of them, who was already married. They were convicted of kidnapping-under the severe law passed at the time of the kidnapping of the Lindbergh baby.

The Supreme Court says that was all wrong, today handing down a verdict that the Lindbergh law, with its penalty of death or long imprisonment, was not intended to apply to cases of immorality that lacked the true characteristics of kidnapping. Without holding plural marriages to be celestial-or diabolical for that matter- the court reversed the convictions.

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The high tribunal turned down, likewise, an appeal

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to force the retirement of senator Carter Glass of Virginia. Carter Glass, an historic veteran of the Senate, will be eighty-eight this week. He has been ailing for a long time and has not occupied his senatorial place since June of Nineteen forty-two<sup>P</sup>-~~three~~ and half years ago. On the ground that carter Glass has been absent from his law-making duties for so long, a Virginia republican went to court to have him ousted. The lower courts turned him down—and so did the Supreme Court today.

Meanwhile, there is a report that senator Glass, whose term runs until Nineteen forty-nine, intends to resign during the next few days.

Train wreck.....

I had a phone call today from Seth Parker-and He didn't have ANY ~~any~~ joke to tell me. That <sup>Familiar</sup> favorite figure of radio, Philips Lord in real life, was one of the passengers on the Silver Meteor-the train that was wrecked in South Carolina this morning. Seth Parker-I mean Philips Lord-was riding in the third coach when the crack train bound for Florida ran off the track at a curve. Two lives were lost, twenty injured.

Seth Parker, Philips Lord, tells me it was lucky that the wreck happened at the place and on the side of the track, where it did, The overturning cars landed <sup>on an embankment</sup> ~~in soft sand~~, which minimized the damage and casualties. On the other side of the track there was a <sup>much</sup> steep <sup>or</sup> ~~incline~~ <sup>almost</sup> ~~cliff~~, ~~dropping down into a~~ deep ~~gully~~. If the passenger cars of the Silver Meteor had plunged down into that, it would have been a holocaust.

The wreck today was the second the crack Florida train has had in less than three weeks-the Silver Meteor having been in a collision on December sixteenth, also in South Carolina.



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Carbon.....

Here's news-the SunOil Company is putting up three great new plants, the total production of which will be five hundred ounces a year. That's right-ounces.

They are turning out one of these new and miraculous things called ~~an~~ isotopes. ~~Headline~~ stories have told us that the ~~secret~~ catalyan of the atomic bomb is an explosion of an isotope of uranium-splitting the atom, and we all know that the atomic bomb was a two-billion dollar ~~project~~ project.

*TP* The isotope that the sun Oil Company is <sup>o</sup>pr<sub>A</sub>ducing is a thing close to it's own gasoline technology, an isotope of carbon, carbon being an element in gasoline. ~~hitherto~~ hitherto, the production of this ~~substance~~ rare substance has been less than half an ounce a year.

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The new production is by means of the Houdry Catalytic process, which was so important during the war in the production of high octane gasoline for american air power.

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Now the houdry process turns to the production of the isotope of carbon—and that has to do, not with war and destruction, but with the conquest of disease and research into the very nature of life.

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how does it work? well it's something like this. The isotope can be detected by an electrical instrument, whereas atoms of ordinary carbon are immune from electrical detection. So, if isotope atoms are mixed with ordinary atoms in a substance that circulates through the human body, the progress of that substance can be detected—exactly where it goes. The progress of ingredients of food, for example, can be traced as they become assimilated in the nerves or bone or muscles. *TP* In other words, it's a kind of super-xray.

Another miracle of atomic science—and it's tied in with the production of gasoline for your car. *Maybe Hugh has*

~~something on that. And now a-b-u-t-u-e~~  
(note for Mr T) This was featured in the News today)

## SOLDIER FAMILIES

Here's a late bulletin which states that a plan has been drawn up for sending wives and families of American soldiers over to Europe. Some ninety thousand would be sent across troops in the occupation forces to be joined by their wives and children. This we hear, needs only the okay of the war department-a plan requiring an okay.