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**GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:** Tonight a strand of rope connects the flying Enterprise and the British rescue tug Turnoil. It is called a heaving line, with which a regular towing line will be drawn across the made fast. The transfer of the heaving line was accomplished at night in heavy seas.

The latest news tonight - the Flying Enterprise, with one rail under the waves, has been taken in tow. The British rescue tug TURMOIL has been able to get a line fast to the derelict - rolling there in heavy seas and a blustery gale - and at night. The towing job will begin at day break - the <sup>^</sup>though job of towing the half-capsized vessel for several hundred stormy miles to the British Coast.

Success came tonight with the help of a tug boat mate, who boarded the derelict and gave Captain Carlsen a hand - in making the line fast following vain attempts all day long.

## FOLLOW SHIP - THE LEAD TO COME

Time and again, in the swelling surge of the sea, the tug threw a line across to Captain Carlsen -- and, at first, they missed. Then, at length, the skipper was able to make a line fast to the stern of the half-capsized vessel. But, with the huge lurching of the waves, the line broke. That happened twice.

Then came a brave episode, when a mate aboard the rescue tug "Turmoil" said - he'd go over and join All-alone Carlsen, the skipper who refuses to leave his vessel. Mate Harry Davies of Aberdeen, Scotland, has his courage. It isn't clear how he got aboard the Flying Enterprize, but maybe the tug was close enough for him to make it by a line and breeches buoy. Anyway, he joined the Captain in the deck house of the ship -- that deck that now is nearly perpendicular, nearly straight up and down. Carlsen - not All Alone tonight! And the towing will start at dawn - they hope.

## CHURCHILL

Washington is all set to receive British Prime Minister Churchill tomorrow, and he will get the heartiest welcome that Washington can provide. This has been stated by President Truman, who denies reports that Churchill will get cool treatment in the national capitol.

We hear that the President is ready to assure the Prime Minister that American Atomic bombers based on Britain will not do any bombing without British consent. Important for Churchill who has declared that Britain must have a say in anything American planes based on Britain may do.

## EGYPT

( Along the Suez Canal, savage warfare continues -- a battle that has been going on for two days. British and Egyptian sources list fifty-two killed although the Egyptian figures may be exaggerated. )

The conflict began yesterday in the city of Suez, and today the British put <sup>some of their huge</sup> ~~fifty-two~~ "centurian" tanks into action - the steel monsters lunging forward and hurling shell fire into a nest of houses sheltering Egyptian terrorists.

At last reports the battle was still going on - the severest along the Suez Canal so far.

## KOREA

In Korea, the question of Red air fields was sharpened today by an outright declaration from the U N truce team. They declared that the Communists have been shipping crated war planes into northern Korea - these to be assembled at North Korean bases during an armistice.

That, said our negotiators, is right in line with the Communist demand - that they be allowed to construct flying fields in North Korea during a truce. Which would shield them from American airpower - and they are shipping crated aircraft in advance.

Our negotiators <sup>are reported</sup> ~~declared~~ to have the information from prisoners of war. The Communist negotiators call the charge "ridiculous". But the U N truce team is ~~only~~ confirmed in its resolve - not to permit Red air base construction in North Korea during an armistice.

YOUNG

( In Washington warrants were issued today for the arrest of E. Merle Young and two others -- when they failed to show up in court today to be arraigned on charges of perjury. Merle Young is the former official of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, whose wife got a mink coat. Which handsome fur helped to start off those recent sensations of mink. ) One of those accused with him, is Washington lawyer, Rosenbaum, said to have procured the mink from a New York furrier seeking a loan from the RFC.

In all these matters of RFC loans, the testimony was such that perjury charges were brought against both Young and Rosenbaum. After the warrants were issued today, Rosenbaum appeared in Court but, at last reports, Young was still missing. He and his wife are now operating a Motel in Florida.

POLITICS

Political news -- a discordant note sounding among the Republicans. Today Senator Taft and his campaign Lieutenants are out of tune. Republican National Chairman, Guy Gabrielson, who is putting on a big political show at a G O P Committee meeting in San Francisco in the Middle of January.

Chairman Gabrielson invited the candidates for the Republican nomination to speak -- including Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts, who is not seeking the nomination at all. Senator Lodge is the head of the Eisenhower-for President boom, and was invited to speak in behalf of General Ike.

Today Senator Taft rejected the invitation extended to himself. He won't go. Gabrielson had suggested that, if a candidate couldn't come personally, he might send a substitute. To which Taft replies curtly: "Maybe somebody will speak for me, but I don't know."

*and he adds:-*

One Taft man puts it in these words: "They have asked someone to speak for a man who hasn't even said he was a candidate." "Who do you think ~~might~~ thought

*that up?"*



## STEEL

The steelworkers convention at Atlantic City made it formal today - delaying a strike. The delegates were addressed by Union President, Phil ~~Ed~~ Murray, who made an impassioned plea, calling on them to heed the appeals ~~from~~ from President Truman, and put off a walk-out in the "national interest."

The convention voted - okay, for a period of forty-five days. But they threatened to strike, if the national labor relations board does not bring about a settlement of the wage dispute within that period.

## NARCOTICS

In cities <sup>right</sup> across th<sup>e</sup>~~is~~ continent there was a round-up of drug peddlers today - five hundred arrested, in places like New York, Detroit, Houston, Texas, Chicago, Denver.

The raids were staged by Federal agents, in collaboration with local police; - in a drive to stamp out the selling of narcotics to teenagers. Most of those arrested are criminals who've been selling dope to high school children. -- ~~Five hundred of the~~ drug peddlers <sup>are</sup> in jails across the nation tonight.

At Buffalo, New York, today, a dope seller was given from twenty-six to one hundred years in prison - on six charges of selling and possessing heroin.

ADD NARCOTICS

Later news tells of an undercover agent in Texas, who did a prodigious job - of getting on the inside of a dope ring at Dallas. He is called Mr. X, his identity kept a secret. For six months he posed as a derdlict, a hoodlum peddler of marijuana - until he was able to get evidence against the bigtime drug merchants. Federal agents bought ninety-six thousand grains of marijuana from thirty persons in Dallas - an example of the countrywide exposure of dope rings.

## GREECE:

One dispatch on the wire today started out with a quotation from -- Homer. The news is from Athens, in the Land of Homer, and the quotation is all the more appropriate because of the story to which it is applied.

In the Odyssey we read: "Love deceives the best of womankind." Which could mean the beautiful Tassoulaa- who, on the island of Crete eloped with an enemy of her family.

Some while ago the news was full of the story - how Tassoula was abducted by a family foe, who married her, and she swore she'd never leave him.

But what has happened now? Tassoula has left her husband, and gone back to her family -- in a scene as wildly dramatic as anything in Euripides.

She made a sudden, unexpected appearance at the home of her parents. "She dashed into the house," relates the news dispatch, "threw herself on her knees before her father - and, at his feet, begged forgiveness." The father was astounded. Tassoula's mother - ~~she~~ fainted. Tassoula has a sister, with the classical name

of Electra -- and she wailed aloud, like the chorus of women in a Greek tragedy.

The police were interested, but cautious. Today the Gendarmes explained that in Crete, when a wife deserts her husband, and her family takes her back - it is cause for a blood feud. Well, when Tassoula was kidnapped and married her abductor -- it nearly caused a Civil War on the island of Crete. So now it looks as if her desertion of her husband and return to her family might threaten Civil War all over again.

Nobody knows exactly what caused the break-up of the famous romance -- why Tassoula quarrelled with her husband. But she certainly seems bitter about something.

Today's dispatch from the scholarly United Press, having begun with a quotation from Homer, ends in the same way -- with another line from the Odyssey, which says: "Who loves too much hates in the like extreme."

## PHILLIPS

The young explorer, Wendell Phillips left New York today <sup>aboard the</sup> ~~by~~ Pan American Airways, <sup>strato-cruiser The President</sup>, returning to southwestern Arabia, to resume his search for traces of the Queen of Sheba. This time the expedition personnel will include some twenty-five Americans and Europeans, mostly scientists; <sup>also a</sup> ~~a~~ party of fifty Egyptians, a score of Somalis, and between four and five hundred Yemanese. Many of the members of the expedition, together with a long caravan of Chrysler and Dodge trucks and cars, left this country some weeks ago aboard the Isthmain Steamship "The Seafarer".

From Aden at the southern end of the Red Sea, young Wendell Phillips and his large party will head ~~straight~~ for the ancient city of Timna, one of the long lost centers on the ancient spice route. From there they will go <sup>on to the</sup> ~~to the~~ Forbidden <sup>country</sup> ~~city~~ of Yemen, making a journey across the open sand dunes to another lost city, the city of Mareb, which he ~~is~~ refers to as the ancient capitol of the Queen of Sheba.

The expedition has the cooperation of the new King of Yemen, the successor to the fabulous Iman Yah-Yah. The King has two American planes that he is placing at the disposal of the visiting archeologists and explorers. King Farouk of Egypt also has been cooperating with the explorers - in fact his countrymen who are going along - the Gufties - are of special interest. They are called Gufties, because they come from the town of Guft in Upper Egypt.

In the course of the last thirty or forty years, nearly all of the inhabitants of the village of Guft have become expert archeological excavators, highly trained in this delicate work. The Gufties were first taught their unusual art by Sir Flinders Petrie, the eminent British Egyptologist, by Breasted of the University of Chicago, and others. Wendell Phillips of the American Foundation For the Story of Man told me that his head Gufti has been working amid ancient ruins now for forty-eight years and is a wizard at his profession, as are nearly all his Gufties.

Few travelers from the outside world have penetrated the little known southwestern Arabian country of Yemen, with its skyscraper cities, the fabled land of the Queen of Sheba.

And now from The Yemen, the Queen of Sheba and the Gufties, let's turn to Nelson Case and one of his nifties.