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In Washington Senate leaders came out today against any clause in the North Atlantic Security Pact which would commit the United States to go to war. ~~The western democracies of Europe want a pledge of American military intervention, if anyone is attacked.~~ But The Senate view, as expressed by Vandenberg ~~of~~ Michigan, is that the right to declare war must remain in the Congress of the United States.

Simultaneously, loud complaints are being voiced in the free nations of Europe because of the American attitude -- the claim that the United States government is trying to weaken the North Atlantic alliance to such a point where it will be only a scrap of paper. British newspapers are leading in this outcry, saying that our government is going back on its pledge of support against Soviet Russia.

## JERUSALEM

Today the <sup>first</sup> ~~constituent assembly~~ of Israel met. The Jewish Parliament chosen in the first Israel election, went into ~~fa~~ session. The proceedings were purely formal; ~~nothing but the ceremony.~~ The gathering today was merely ~~symbolical.~~ -- But that was the important part of it. The first elected Jewish Parliament met -- in Jerusalem, <sup>W</sup> which was a ~~at a~~ <sup>with a flourish -</sup> ~~sententious~~ way of saying -- that Israel intends to have Jerusalem for the capital of the <sup>new</sup> Jewish State.

The international meanings <sup>of this</sup> are dramatic.

Israel is actually in possession of only part of Jerusalem, the newer section -- the old walled city <sup>still</sup> being occupied by Arab Troops of King Abdullah of Trans-Jordan. At the same time, The United Nations has decreed that Jerusalem ~~is~~ shall be an international city, ~~and right now, the United Nations is~~ ~~drafting a plan for internationalism of Jerusalem,~~ with its holy places, ~~is sacred to these three~~ ~~ancient religions, Judaism, Christianity, and~~

But now the Jewish Premier, Ben Gurion, challenges the plan of the United Nations, and states: "Jerusalem is and will remain part of Israel". ~~So today the challenge was dramatized - when Israel staged the first meeting of the Jewish Parliament -- in Jerusalem.~~

It is clearly explained that the session ~~in~~ was what the news dispatch calls - a token inaugural. The Jewish Parliament ~~will~~ will immediately shift to Tel Aviv, where its actual business will be transacted.

This development is not at all surprising. Zionist feeling had almost necessarily to focus on Jerusalem; the ancient capital of the Jews - O Jerusalem! Site of the Temple, focus of the glory of David and Solomon. All of which was a long time ago; but, the Jews never forgot -- for two thousand years. There is a traditional Jewish salutation as familiar as goodbye or solong. The ancient salutation: "Tomorrow in Jerusalem".

Also, there is a famous lyric by a Hebrew poet of the Middle Ages.

If Jerusalem, I should forget thee  
May my right hand lose its cunning  
May my tongue cleave to my palate.

So with intense emotions like these, it is not surprising that as a ~~symbol~~ symbolism, the first Jewish Parliament met in Jerusalem today.

The delegates were addressed by Chaim Weizmann, the veteran Zionist leader now President of Israel. He called for peace with the Arabs, and described the new Jewish nation as "a state of returned exiles."

Well, the exiles returned those twenty-five hundred years ago, when the Babylonian captivity was over. Then Cyrus the Persian allowed them to go back and rebuild Jerusalem. So now, once again, in this atomic age - the return of the Jewish exiles to Jerusalem.

Yes, a great religious and historic sentiment. But the cold facts of today present complications. The formidable opposition of the Arab World, and the United Nations plan to internationalize the Holy City for the benefit of all three great religions - Judaism, Christianity and Mohammedanism.

Later news - the representatives of Great Britain, the United States and France stayed away from the meeting of the Jewish Parliament today - ~~xxxx~~ on orders from their governments, because their presence might have appeared to be consent to the Israel claim of Jerusalem.

VATICAN

In the solemnity <sup>of</sup> today's consistory of Cardinals at the Vatican <sup>there</sup> appears one gravely worded statement - which bears on a question that is being raised insistently in the trial and doom of Cardinal  ~~Mindszenty~~ <sup>Mindszenty</sup> of Hungary. This question concerns the demeanor and ~~the~~ appearance of the Primate of Hungary facing the Red Court.

Today's Papal consistory was the most solemn ~~way in~~ <sup>way in</sup> fashion ~~which~~ with which the Pontiff of Rome -- according to medieval ritual, could present a protest to the world -- ~~Pope Pius the Twelfth~~ addressing the Cardinals in Rome.

In a measured address he denounced <sup>the Red trial and</sup> ~~the~~ denied the charges made by the Communists ~~of~~ ~~Hungary~~ indicating that the trial of the Cardinal ~~was a ghastly farce~~. Then came that passage which applies to world suspicion that the Cardinal ~~of~~ ~~Hungary~~ may have been tortured ~~or~~ or drugged to extort a confession. Pope Pius uses <sup>d</sup> these words ~~translated from~~ <sup>in</sup> stately Latin: "the physical condition

of the Cardinal which is indeed inexplicable except as a result of secret influences which may not be publicly revealed. To prove this, there is the fact that a man endowed with the full ~~xi~~ vigor of a forceful nature, suddenly appears so weak and mentally unbalanced that he conducted himself <sup>as</sup> though he were making charges ~~not~~ against himself. <sup>"</sup> ~~but~~

That in the most formal terms asserts the suspicion that has been in so many minds.

Saturday night at Elko was one of the ~~most~~ <sup>top</sup> interesting experiences ~~I've had on~~ <sup>of</sup> this western trip. Elko is a hundred percent cow-town, center of a vast ranching area. Elko boasts of being the ~~largest~~ <sup>richest</sup> county per capita in America. Genuine cattle and sheep ranches -- not the dude variety. Over the ~~door~~ <sup>door</sup> at the entrance to the Brand Room at the Commercial Hotel, (Bing Crosby's brand ~~is~~ the only one I recognized on the wall - the brand of his Big Circle Ranch), ~~which~~ it says "Elko County larger than three of the forty-eight states."

Across the way at the Stockmans Hotel in the Roundup Room, I spent an evening talking to cattle-men and truck drivers. The latter are the fellows who drive the huge ~~freight~~ freight trucks on the highways, trucks that carry everything under the sun ~~from~~ <sup>(between,</sup> Chicago and the Pacific Coast. We have ~~met~~ met an intermittent stream of these colossal trucks on the ice-coated and snowbound roads of Nevada and Utah. The ~~truck~~ drivers have been extremely courteous and helpful to



us and my admiration for them has gone up and up on this trip.

One of these Pacific Intermountain Express men, in the Roundup Room, told me about ~~one of the~~ <sup>a</sup> trucks hitting antelope on the highway. The poor antelope seeking shelter from the storm, had jammed into a cut where the snow walls of the ~~highway~~ <sup>road</sup> were particularly high. It must have seemed like a perfect ~~refuge~~ <sup>haven</sup> from the storm. Alas, one of these great trucks, plowing through the gale, struck the herd. ~~and~~ <sup>the 20 tons on wheels</sup> Before ~~it~~ could be brought to a stop Zeke Daly told me ~~that~~ <sup>P</sup> it had killed forty-one antelope. He spoke of an even more tragic experience, another larger herd of antelope taking refuge in a deep cut on a railway line, and an overland locomotive killing two hundred and eighty-three.

<sup>The late</sup> Will Rogers has a cousin who lives in retirement on a Nevada ranch. His name is Cuba Island Crutchfield, and like Will Rogers he is part Cherokee. For years he toured the country with rodeos, was a famous fancy roper and appeared in the Ziegfield Follies with

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Will Rogers. He and his wife at present are feeding a herd of forty wild deer that have lost all fear and are staying right <sup>at</sup> ~~in~~ the Crutchfield <sup>raunch</sup> house, around a haystack. They even climb on top of the haystack. Mrs. Crutchfield photographs them and once when going stealthily around the haystack, hoping not to frighten them, ~~she~~ she met a deer coming around the other way and got a picture from a distance of three feet.

And then there is ~~the~~ <sup>at</sup> weird story of Pea Vine Mountain, in eastern Nevada. A few months ago an F M radio station was put on the summit of that nine thousand ~~foot~~ <sup>modern</sup> peak. Everything ~~was~~ electrified.

Along came the recent great storms. The power went off. ~~The~~ F M keeper and his wife and little daughter had absolutely no heat. The thermometer often forty and fifty below. ~~The~~ Their plight was desperate.

<sup>TR</sup> The story of it has gone out across the nation. And they are now calling it the ~~mark~~ "milk lift", because aviators have been dropping milk to the little girl on Pea Vine Peak. The airmen also dropped them an

## GUIDED MISSILES

The armed forces are <sup>(asking)</sup> ~~asked~~ for a guided missile range three thousand miles long -- in this country. Today Dr. Carl Compton, Chairman of the Research and Development Board, told a Congressional Committee that the present range for guided missiles at Whitesands, New Mexico, is not long enough -- only one-hundred-and-fifty miles. A range of three thousand miles is needed, said he. Cost -- Two hundred million dollars. <sup>But</sup> ~~But~~ where will they locate a guided missile range three thousand miles long within the <sup>limits</sup> ~~length~~ of the United States? ~~The~~ ~~question~~ It would have to be some place where there wouldn't be any danger of people getting hit by ~~the~~ guided missiles -- <sup>we</sup> ~~we~~ hope. So where? We are not told. Dr. Compton today ~~merely~~ merely stated:

"The test range will be located in a region so sparsely inhabited that the hazard will be wholly negligible." Which applies, clearly, to some of the desolation of mountains and deserts <sup>here</sup> in the West.

## ECUADOR

Down in Ecuador the police <sup>have been</sup> ~~are~~ looking for a radio program director, Senor Leonardo Paez -- the guilty party in the wild bedlam that hit the capital city of Quito over the weekend. The news has been telling how the people went into a panic and then into riot scenes - over an Ecuadorian version of that New Jersey Orson Wells Man-From-Mars hullabaloo a few years ago.

Senor Leonardo Paez, the program director, devised some ultra-modern trimmings, like describing how soldiers of Ecuador were firing with machine ~~gun~~ guns at the Men from Mars. Most brilliant of all -- was a frantic radio appeal <sup>to</sup> ~~the~~ the sister republics of Peru and Colombia, summoning them to send their Armies to the aid of Ecuador against the inter-planetary invaders.

The uproar was in two parts. First, a public panic, with people screaming in fright and running from their houses. Frantic telephone calls deluged the radio station. Whereupon Senor Leonardo Paez broadcast vigorous eloquent statements that it was

all fiction, radio drama, just in fun. His messages were effective in quieting public terror. But that only ushered in - part two.

In New Jersey, people passed over the Orson Wells radio hoax about men from Mars. But the Latins of Quito were enraged, when they found they had been scared out of their wits by mere fiction on the *air*, ~~radio~~. They formed a mob and went marching to the radio station - which they stormed and burned, ~~knocked~~ together with two newspaper plants in the same building.

Senor Leonardo Paez and his staff sent frantic calls to the police. But once again that radio program director had been too realistic - just too good. The police ~~had~~ had sent all their mobile units, with armored cars, to the scene where the interplanetary invasion was supposed to be occurring, a place ~~in~~ outside Quito. So the only force capable of dealing with the mob was - absent.

Here's the latest, the casualty figures --

fifteen lives lost in the burning of the radio station and two newspapers.

But what happened to Senor Leonardo Paez?

As the flames roared through the lower floors of the building, he fled to the upper ~~story~~ <sup>storey</sup> -- which was the wrong thing to do. Because pretty soon he was trapped ~~is~~ on the third floor surrounded by flames, which were engulfing him.

He had to jump. So he wrapped himself in a lot of newspapers to break the fall - plenty of newspapers being available ~~fm~~ from the two Quito dailies that were being burned out.

He jumped, and landed smack on several people below, injuring them. That saved him and he got away.

Lucky that ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> mob didn't get hold of ~~him~~ Senor Paez!

~~Such are today's details on the weekend radio~~

riot in Quito, and the question is - what has

happened to Senor Leonardo Paez ~~that~~ <sup>the</sup> ingenious radio

director? ~~Probably he'll show up looking for a job.~~ <sup>According to latest reports he's</sup>

~~is~~ heading ~~to~~ <sup>across</sup> the Andes ~~in Havana~~ towards Brazil! While this program heads ~~toward~~ <sup>across the sea</sup> Senor Niles, in Hollywood.

## WEATHER

Once again the weather news is -- cold wave. This time such far separated areas as New England and Texas, New York and North Dakota. Freezing rain in such states as Kansas and Oklahoma. Roadways glazed with ice, and power lines broken under the weight of frozen masses.

In Washington, the Department of Agriculture gives us its first official figures on the destruction of livestock by the blizzard and bitter cold in the West. For four states alone, the count, eighty-one thousand cattle and ninety-seven thousand sheep lost. And that only up to February first -- since which date there have been new storms of snow and ice.

This weekend, just when they had hoped to call off the haylift still another storm swept down on the ranch country. So, the haylift is in full swing again. For a second time in two weeks, I have crossed the heart of the haylift country -- driving from the Sierras - the California-Nevada line - across Nevada and Utah, to Salt Lake City, where I am tonight.

On our way through by car we stopped from time to time to phone ahead and find out about the storm, and the roads. It looked as though we might be held up indefinitely at Elko, with the road on the Salt Lake again blocked by huge drifts. A half a dozen cars on their way from Idaho to California were marooned just a few miles north of us -- the people all obliged to sleep on the floor of a little trading post near the Idaho-Nevada border at a place called "A Thousand Springs."



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The latest - the police in Quito announce they have taken into custody most of the radio officials. They don't arrest the rioters -- they arrest the radio people. But the station manager, Senor Alfredo Vergara, has fled. Heading across the Andes toward Brazil, maybe -- while this radio program heads across the Sierras toward Senor Niles in Hollywood.