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SENATE

In the Senate there was mention of unanimous words today. The words -- declaration of war. This occurred in proceedings whereby the Senate voted to award posthumous decorations to the American flyers who lost their lives, when Soviet fighters shot down their unarmed patrol plane.

The Senate is also sending condolences to their families. The resolution was passed unanimously, and the expressions of indignation were bitter.

There were demands that the United States should use something stronger than mere words -- together with warnings we must not let our anger carry us too far.

It was in the course of this that Democratic Senator Robertson of Virginia, while advocating moderation, spoke these words:--

"declaration of war."

Which
~~This~~ was immediately countered by Democratic leader Senator Scott Lucas of Illinois, who said:

"This is no time to talk about a declaration of war".

After which Scott Lucas, the administration leader, denounced what he called -- ~~the~~["]Barbaric action by the ruthless force controlled by the government at Moscow".

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

The Red satalites, behind the Iron Curtain, continue their diplomatic ^{sniping} ~~sniping~~ at the United States. Today Communist Czechoslovakia, demanded the recall of the Press Attache at the American Embassy in Prague, ~~also~~ ^{and} they ordered the United States Information Services to shut down. All of which is in line with a general policy of the Red puppets -- trying to slash Western representation in their countries.

~~At the same time, the Reds in Prague put six Czechs on trial today -- charged with treason and espionage in behalf of the United States. The usual confessions were forthcoming -- including testimony that, ~~for~~ the American Embassy was trying to get espionage information about the Uranium mines of Czechoslovakia. Those important sources of atomic material.~~

In Rome today the Vatican charged that the Communists of Prague have seized a whole series of monasteries -- throwing monks in jail. Ancient monasteries, says the Vatican, ~~have been~~ ^{are being} turned into club houses for Communist youth organizations.

Well, ~~one might know that~~ the Reds ^{might well} ~~could~~ have an ^rspecial grudge, not only because of religion -- but also because of science. For it was ~~in~~ Czechoslovakia ⁱⁿ a monastery of Moravia, that a monk, ~~who became an abbot,~~ gave to the world -- the Mendelian theory. Which doctrine of biology and genetics is anathema ^a to Soviet Russia.

Back in the last century Gregor Mendel, ~~was~~ ^{who in time became the abbot,} a monk ~~and an abbot who~~ loved to cultivate his monastery garden -- ^{and} he had a scientific mind to boot. For long years he experimented with plants, crossing different varieties. -- ^{Then he formulated} ~~and gave to the~~ world the theory that bears his name. Today ~~it is~~

the basic genetics
~~an accepted~~ law of ~~biology~~ in the science

of the West. ^{It} But in Soviet Russia the Mendelian
has been outlawed -
theory, ~~is banned~~ not Marxian, not Stalinist.

That theory -- which originated in one of those
monasteries, ~~which~~ the Reds are now ~~erasing~~
turning ~~it~~ into headquar^{ter}s for Communism.

CHINA

Word from China indicates that the big battle for Hainan is on. The Nationalists appear to have won a preliminary victory, with naval and air attacks blasting a huge fleet of Red junks carrying invasion troops. But the Reds did succeed in establishing a bridge-head where desperate fighting is going on, ~~with the Communists trying to push through reinforcements.~~ Neutral sources say that this is merely the first phase, to be followed by other vast invasion fleets of the Reds -- in the battle for Hainan.

OUTLAW

Over in Germany, the story of the Oklahoma badman comes to a tame conclusion -- meek and mild. Today the American military police captured -- Public Enemy Number One of Occupied Germany. They expected a desperate resistance, but there was no resistance at all -- a mere humble surrender.

Yet Homer Cook, outlaw from the Oklahoma hills, was known to be -- both powerful and ferocious. His model in life was Pretty Boy Floyd -- that Oklahoma

desperado in the days of Dillinger and the G men. *A former prize fighter, he battered 12 German policemen and later when Homer Cook* escaped from an American military

prison ~~last week, he did it~~ by ripping the bars of his cell apart with his bare hands. ~~(During the~~

~~manhunt he stabbed a German civilian, and last night robbed the caretaker of a Munich soccer stadium at the point of a gun.~~

~~He was said to be out looking for buried~~

~~(Nazi treasure in the Bavarian hills - ready for any desperate violence.)~~ But Today they found him lying on the floor of a boxcar, covered with some straw. As for putting up a fight, they had to drag him to his feet -- he was that weak from hunger. ~~He had had a little to eat for days. He had escaped without shoes, and fled barefoot all through the meshunt which left his feet in no condition for further flight.~~

He told the military police: "I ain't eaten hardly nothing for two days. Guess I was getting just too tired to care".

~~(Which explains the tame ending, so mild and meek -- of the story of the Oklahoma badman who tried to play the part of a latter day Pretty Boy Floyd in the American zone of occupied Germany.)~~

TRUMAN

President Truman gave an order today for what amounts to an advertisement -- "help wanted." Each year he has some two hundred appointments to make to important government jobs. -- ~~and~~ For a long time ^{he} has been complaining how hard it is to get competent administrators to take high federal posts. For one thing -- the government pay is not high. For another -- highly competent people often shrink from the criticism flung about in the hurly-burly of politics.

~~(So now, to ~~get~~ meet the difficulty, the President has instructed a group of his advisors to look for prospects, and compile a list of available people. A high level government version of -- "help wanted.")~~

The new committee will investigate by consulting regional government offices in various parts of the country, state and local officials,

professional groups, trade organizations, also senators and congressmen. Politics not important -- Republicans as well as Democrats to be sought and put on the list.

In that way they will compile a catalog of names ~~and qualifications of~~ ^{for} posts -- even including the diplomatic service and the cabinet. The most important job open right now is -- chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, somebody to succeed David Lillenthal, as head of American Atomic Development.

SANDER

~~The latest tonight~~ From Concord, New Hampshire, - in the mercy killing case, Dr. Hermann Sander has been striped of his license to practise medicine. This -- in spite of the fact that he was found not guilty in that "mercy killing case." ^{TR} The New Hampshire Board of Medical Registration was unanimous in revoking Dr. Sander's license to practise as a physician. But Dr. Sander can appeal for reinstatement after June nineteenth.

FOLLOW: SANDER

The finding of the Medical Board summarizes the doctor's case in these words: "We cannot agree that he has done no wrong. It is common **medical knowledge** that the injection of air can serve no useful purpose. It is likewise clear, the verdict goes on, that a physician's moral obligation to his patient and his profession is to engage only in medical practises which are designed to cure or alleviate disease". Hence the action against Dr. Sander is described as: "morally reprehensible according to medical standards".

(There is immediate comment from Reginald Borroto, husband of the patient in the case. He is indignant. "It is like kicking a man when he is down", he is quoted as saying angrily.)

RAILROAD STRIKE

A big railroad strike has been called -- the Brotherhood of Locomotive Fireman and Enginemen, ordering a walk out, April 26, a week from now. The strike is called against all of the Santa Fe, the Southern, the Big Four and the Ohio Central Lines -- and against parts of the Pennsylvania, New York Central and Michigan Central Railroads. Cause of the dispute -- the long-time union demand that an extra fireman be employed on multiple Deisel engines, Deisels with more than one unit.

RAILROAD WRECK

A spectacular railroad wreck in Kansas -- where a Santa Fe Streamliner ^Q ran off the tracks today. Bound from Oklahoma to Kansas City, the Tulsan was traveling at a high speed, ^{- 70 mi. an hr. -} when it struck a trailer transporting a huge catapillar tractor. The impact was such that the diesel locomotive and all six of the streamline cars jumped off the rails, went ploughing along. The crowded train, However, did not over-turn, and the casualties are -- ¹³ ~~seven~~ passengers injured, none seriously, ~~mere scratches and bruises.~~ ^Q The doctor on the scene says: "The wreck most ^{ly} amounted to jamming the passengers together in a big jolt". Yes, it must have been quite a jolt when the Streamliner ^{at 70 mi. an hr.} left the rails, and went ploughing along the roadbed.

WEATHER

The governor of North Dakota has asked President Truman to declare -- a state of emergency. ~~This~~ Because of floods, as the swirling rivers rose today with the highest crests of this present century. A heavy thaw melting the snows -- and the deluge has swept over whole towns, washed ^{up} out bridges and roads and ~~is~~ inundating vast areas of farm lands. ~~So Governor Fred Aandahl wants a state of emergency declared for North Dakota, while the flood conditions are not such better~~ in nearby Minnesota and Wisconsin. *Same story*

At Astoria, Oregon -- Coxcomb Hill ~~was~~ ^{is} sliding down toward the Columbia River. ~~That is the fine residential section of Astoria, and already a~~
A giant landslide has wrecked the homes of twenty-three families. The area affected is a huge chunk of earth one thousand feet long, three hundred feet wide -- but they say the movement of the ground is likely to

affect the entire residential section of Coxcomb Hill. Geologists explain that the layer of earth, thirty feet deep, lies on a bed of rock -- clay-shale which now is like a greased incline -- after heavy winter rains and snow. So Coxcomb Hill, with the best homes of Astoria, has started sliding.

FLYING SAUCERS

The flying saucer stories become stranger and stranger -- with that most baffling strangeness of impressive evidence and equally impressive denial.

The latest -- from perhaps the most portentous place of all. Los Alamos -- that great atomic center on the Mexican desert.

The witnesses, more than fifteen, are people of the University of California, who work at the atomic laboratory. John Herzog, says he doesn't believe the moving things that he saw in the sky were carried by the wind. "They seemed" he relates "to move with some sort of 'sense', travelling first in one direction, then stopping and reversing direction."

Willard Buck, ^{Los Alamos} another employee of the University of California, watched one saucer through a telescope. He says it looked flat, metallic, roughly circular. However, Robert Van Gamert, similiarly engaged at the atomic center, declares that he looked, strained his eyes, but couldn't see anything -- nothing of what the others were seeing. "I think", says he, "The rest of them ^{had} ~~have~~ spots before their eyes".

- But now, from Texas -- where the stories grow taller than anywhere else. In Texas they saw flying bananas. Today a whole rash of strange tales

came from the Lone Star State. (~~At one place, north west Texas, the shout went up "flying saucers". And hundreds of people gazed at a silvery object in the sky.~~) ~~The Managing Editor of a local newspaper,~~

One said it looked like a flying soap bubble. The Managing Editor of a local newspaper "The Childress Index" surveyed a mysterious object through a telescope. He says: "it looked like a big fat balloon". Managing Editor W. S. Warren thinks it was a plastic weather balloon at great altitude. However, two airforce fighter pilots declare they flew within five thousand feet of the object -- ^{and} it was not a weather balloon.)

At Dallas, J. R. Chenault, gives a real Texas touch -- proper to the biggest of states, where things are bigger than anywhere else. He didn't see a flying saucer -- he saw a flying dinner plate.

After which, Fort Worth chips in with -- flying bananas. Ira Maxey says he saw curved objects high in the sky, shaped like bananas -- which left vapor trails as they traveled.

(A Texas amateur astronomer, Oscar Donnig, believes the folks down there are really seeing -- the planet Venus. While from the side of the Air Force, they say -- high flying jet planes, which look unfamiliar.)

BERGMAN

The **battle** between Ingrid Bergman and her husband Dr. Peter Lindstrom, has been settled. -- the lawyers for the contending parties reaching an agreement in Hollywood this afternoon. The main point is the custody of the nine year old daughter of the couple -- and this has been compromised -- there is to be a joint custody -- in which the girl will remain in California, in charge of her father during the school

time. (Ingrid Bergman, whenever she is in this country, may take her daughter during the vacation period. (The lawyer for the Swedish movie actress hails this as a victory -- in that the joint custody refutes any claim that the mother is an unfit person to have possession of the child.)

In addition to all of which -- the arrangement provides for the joint division of properties amounting to a quarter of a million dollars.

MARGARET TRUMAN

Margaret Truman defends her right to sing, the right of the President's daughter to have a concert career. She notes that people have been saying that she has been taking advantage of her father's position as President -- to promote highly profitable appearances as a lyric soprano.

This year she expects to earn between sixty and seventy-five thousand dollars -- and admits that she would not be doing so well if she were, in her own words: "plain Maggie Smith". But she argues that she ^{could easily} ~~can easily~~ make three times that much -- if she really went out to exploit her own position as the President's daughter.

Margaret Truman says that at one time she seriously considered giving up her life-time ambition-- to save her father from political embarrassment. In an article in the current issue of ^{the} "Saturday

Evening Post, she writes: "Dad's succession to the presidency made me sit down and do some hard, mature thinking -- for the first time in my life. I hated to add ~~xx~~ my problem to the burden he already was carrying", she says. -- ^{then she} and tells how she asked for her father's advice. He told her -- to go ahead.

~~(Then, later on, he had the following to say to her manager: "I don't want Margaret exploited. All I ask is that she gets fair treatment. I know that being the daughter of the President is a handicap -- in many respects.")~~

Margaret Truman faces the blunt realistic question -- what would she be, if she were not the daughter of the President? If she were -- "plain Maggie Smith". To this she replied^s:
"I would still be a young, struggling and -- I hope -- promising singer."

Atta girl Margaret. ^{Nelson,} Or should we,

in a more musical way, say: "Bravo, Margaret.?"

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COLORADO DINNER

I am across the continent from where I had expected to be tonight. Along with several hundred of my fellow Colorodans I had hoped to be at a banquet in Washington; ~~It is~~ a rather unique ~~xxxxx~~ occasion because it is in honor of two members of the President's Cabinet who are from ~~the State of~~ Colorado. And that's a ^(phenomenon) ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ hitherto unheard of. ^{ff} You thought all the men around Mr. Truman were from Missouri? Well, westerners have often complained that the West is not ^(adequately) ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ represented in Washington. Here in California they are saying it now -- that California doesn't figure too prominently in the nation's capital. ~~That~~ They look with envy at Colorado which boasts ~~of~~ two top figures in the President's cabinet -- Oscar Chapman, Secretary of the Interior; and Charles Brannan, Secretary of Agriculture.

~~There are at least two things about them~~
~~both that are also~~ ^(unusual. Both) ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ scaled the heights through the departments ~~in~~ which they now head.
~~But~~ And that is most unusual. Oscar Chapman served

for sixteen years under two ~~xxx~~ secretaries of the Interior, and did so much of their work that it was inevitable he should be the President's choice.

I had hoped to be on hand to introduce them ^{tonight} a thing that would have given me particular pleasure because ~~they also are~~ ~~xxx~~ both ^{are} graduates of my old Alma Mater, the University of Denver.

~~But~~ The best I can do is salute them, via the airwaves all the way from the Pacific to the Atlantic.