

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

(The Communists in France have sustained an all-around defeat. Today they called off the general strike, and ordered nearly a million workers to return to their jobs.) A dramatic admission of defeat -- failure -- the more so as only yesterday the Communist-dominated labor federation had called for a fight-to-the-finish -- a strike-to-the-finish. Now, suddenly they're called off.

(As a result of the strong action taken by the government of moderate Premier Schuman. With two hundred and forty thousand troops mobilized, he gave the Reds the ultimatum -- full military force to be used to crush the wave of Red sabotage and the terrorism against workers who wanted to return to their jobs.

Today, there were fights at various places, the government applying military power to crush Red disturbances. The Communists were getting the worst of it.

A back-to-work movement was in full swing.) Originally, two million workers were out in the general strike - today, this morning the number about one million. So the Red leadership of the labor organization gave up - called off the strike. The winner -- the moderate Premier of France.

All this followed action taken by Soviet Russia. Moscow broke off trade negotiations with Paris, negotiations for a deal whereby France hoped to get Russian grain to ease the desperate French food shortage. A French economic mission was in Moscow to arrange a barter, and that mission has now been ordered home. The Soviets declare that they now are retaliating against the French ousting of the nineteen Soviet agents and the closing of a Russian repatriation camp.

All of which means that Premier Schuman's anti-Communist policy has ended the French hope of getting grain from Russia. The inference is plain - they must look to the United States.

ITALY

In Italy, a general strike has been averted for the moment - put off for at least twenty-four hours.

~~The Communist labor leaders are holding back - temporarily at least.~~

FOREIGN AID

In Washington, the Emergency Relief Bill to help France, Italy and Austria, won a victory today - but the victory also meant another delay. Opponents of the five hundred and ninety million ^{dollar} measure drove to the attack with a flock of amendments. These were voted down, but only after long debate. The result - ^{the} a final vote in the Lower House ~~was~~ postponed until at least tomorrow. Today's voting showed one thing - ~~there~~ there's little doubt about the passage of the bill. But the opposition produces - delay.

PRICE BILL

(The administration has presented to Congress an anti-inflation bill - the first time the White House has disclosed its price control ideas in a definite way.. The proposed bill calls for government authority to allocate iron and steel and control supplies of scarce materials. Actually, it would permit the administration to ration food and fuel.)

The measure was laid before a Senate sub-committee by Secretary of Commerce Averell Harriman, ~~after which~~ a spokesman of the Department was questioned by the sub-committee. The Chairman pointed out to him that the bill, as drawn up by the administration, would authorize the allocation of many kinds of foodstuffs - ~~like grain, livestock, fats, poultry, milk. The~~

The question was asked - would that convey to the government the power to impose individual rationing?

To which a spokesman for the Department of Commerce replied: "It would include that power."

PALESTINE

Word from Palestine is that, in the battle fought last night, the Arabs for the first time appeared in military uniform and attacked Jewish positions after the manner of regular military operations.

This comes from the Jewish side, a spokesman for the Jewish Army, Haganah, stating that, in the No Man's Land between Jaffa and Tel Aviv, uniformed Arab forces made a two-fold assault -- concerted military moves. One detachment moved against Jewish occupied buildings from the North, and poured the fire of automatic weapons -- at the same time a flanking party was stealing through orange groves into the No Man's Land from the South.

Earlier word today stated that Arab casualties were heavy, seventy killed and one hundred wounded.

~~These figures were passed by the British censor. Later,~~

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~~however~~ both the British and Jewish authorities started to play down the Arab casualties, both British and Zionists intimating that the figures were much too high.

Here's a bit of news that will interest Masons all over the county. At Tokyo today, the Thirty-Third Degree of the Masonic Order was conferred on General Douglas MacArthur. The ceremony was enacted at the American Embassy, the degree conferred by Frederick H. Stevens, Deputy of the Supreme Council of Southern Jurisdiction of the Masonic Order in the Philippines.

There's plenty of interest in anything concerning General Mac Arthur, and this is the latest - he's now a Thirty-Third Degree Mason.

INTRO TO GENERAL GEORGE

I wonder how many Americans remember the letters ATC and what they stood for just a short time ago? ATC - the Air Transport Command. We heard a lot about it during the war. But, it never seemed to me that we heard half enough in view of the incredible job done by the ATC all 'round the globe, acrosssthe Seven Seas, and over the continents. Two thousand huge transport planes in operation each day; some eighty thousand flights across the Atlantic and Pacific; more than three million passengers, military and civilian, carried by air over the oceans. Of course, there's never been anything like it again on this planet. And, it was an all- American achievement.

The head of the ATC was a veteran pilot of World War I, General Harold George. I ran into him today, and of course wondered what he was doing now -- and what could satisfy any man who had been in charge of such a stupendous operation. And so I asked him to come with me to the studio tonight.to tell us. Among other things, I discovered that-- yes, you would have guessed it --

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he's running an airline -- between continents. He's President of Peruvian International Airways, which doesn't operate just in Peru. Far from it. The service is between the two continents of the Western Hemisphere - Canada and the United States on down to Peru and Chile. Using the same type of huge planes he used in his world-wide operation, and all Veteran North American pilots and crews, with thousands of hours of experience.

General George, the subject of safety in the air is one that has been in the headlines a lot of late. What are you people doing about it?

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GENERAL GEORGE:- Why, we of Peruvian International take a lot of pride in that we were the first with "airborne radar." That's the equipment that enables air crews to avoid obstacles, locate positions, find cities, avoid storms, no matter what the visibility.

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L.T.- I saw a little of radar in operation during the war, but can you give us an example of how you're using it?

GENERAL GEORGE:- Here's one: Peruvian couple in Lima had a baby that was desperately ill. They were advised to rush the child to an American specialist in Philadelphia. The doctors in Peru said the infant would have to be flown with oxygen all the way, with the plane never above an altitude of three thousand feet. We agreed to do it. But the plane ran into weather that normally would have forced the pilot to climb higher. It was the airborne radar that saved the day, guided the plane through the bad weather and brought the child through to North America.

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L.T.:- From what you've been telling me, you're an enthusiast about the country of Peru?

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GEN. G.:- That's putting it mildly. Peru has everything, and its climate! So perfect, that before long, North Americans are going to be going down there for the winter. Peru ^{is} the perfect place!

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L.T.:- If we could arrange the broadcasting part of the conspiracy, General, I'd like to fly down with you when you head for Peru in a few days.

SCIENCE

From the world of science we have a story to inspire us Americans with a bit of humility -- a Christian virtue of which we Americans can often use a bit more.

In New York, before the Alumnus Club of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Dr. Karl Compton, President of M.I.T., pointed to some of the shortcomings of our American technological advancement - the main defect being the lack of originality. The President of one of our greatest scientific schools bids us remember that most of the new ideas in science have come from Europe.

He points to the new wonder of the age -- atomic wonder; with its production of the atom bomb.



~~with its production of the atom bomb,~~ The new and revolutionary ideas in the atomic field originated in Europe. Radio activity was discovered in France - by Becquerel, and carried on by the Curies. The miracle man of the atom was Lord Rutherford, a New Zealander who worked in Canada, and mostly in England. The fission of the uranium atom was accomplished in Germany. The great experiment that led to the bomb was performed in Chicago - directed by the Italian, Fermi.

The atomic era was launched here in the United States, by the assembled genius of scientists of various nations, our country being represented in the group in honorable proportion. Perhaps, it would be flattering for us to think that the atomic miracle was an all-American production - but, on the other hand, it's mighty good to note that in the tremendous climax of the Second World War, world scientists came to our country and wrought the ^{atomic} marvel in America and its freedom.

COMET

There's terror in South Africa, panic among the dark tribes, the Zulus and Hottentots. They're holding strange rites and dances, magic and voodoo - with glances of spooky fear at the brilliance of the sky, the night sky.

From Capetown comes word of a gleaming fantasy of the heavens - a comet. The news dispatch describes it as a celestial display more spectacular than anything since Halley's Comet back in Nineteen Ten. *Today's visitor from outer space*

space is ~~is~~ Honda's Comet, named after the Japanese astronomer who discovered it last month. ~~The Honda Comet is putting out its fireworks in the Southern Hemisphere~~ *Today's visitor from outer space* appearing last night in the constellation Triangulum, ~~and spreading its luminous~~ *its luminous* ~~spread~~ *spread* tail across the sky.

When Halley's Comet, nearly ^(forty) ~~two~~ years ago, created heavenly fireworks, the South African natives thought the world was coming to an end, and did what they could to avert the cosmic disaster - resorting to all their primitive sorcery.

~~So~~ Now they ^{are} ~~re~~ doing the same thing all over again. ~~Last night,~~

ADD_COMET_

And just to be astronomically correct on this historic appearance in the heavens, I should report that Doctor W. H. Van De Bos, Government Astronomer in Johannesburg, says tonight that after studying the comet for an hour, through the clouds, he is sure that it is not the Honda Comet, discovered by the Japanese Astronomer of that name, but an entirely new astral apparition in the constellation of Saggitarius - a comet that has been hiding behind the Sun for a long time and thus has escaped observation. - and no doubt will be named for him - the Van De Bos Comet!

GROCERY STORE

Here's a classic, the height of robbery - the theft of a whole grocery store. That's literally true - ~~the whole grocery store~~, the entire grocery store, floor, ceiling, walls and groceries, taken by robbers.

It happened in Detroit, where William Wilkin had his grocery store established in a converted city bus. So, while he wasn't looking, somebody drove off with the bus-turned-into-a-grocery-store.

HUNTERS

News from Britain tells of an astounding breach of military security, the violation of a Number One ^{war} secret.

At Wescott, in England, there's a rocket research plant, the entire area of which is guarded by the most careful concealment. Surrounded by an impenetrable barrier of barbed wire, nobody allowed in without an elaborate scrutinizing of credentials.

So who got in? Who was able to penetrate the forbidden sanctuary of rocket experiments? Some sneaky foreign spy? Some stealthy Soviet agent? No - it was an entire fox hunt, the fox, the ^{hounds,} ~~dogs,~~ the horses, the huntsmen. Tally ho!

The Bicester Hunt Club staged its usual British event - a fox hunt. So away they went. Yoicks! And View also! After a while, the fox, in flight, scampered through a gap in a barbed wire barrier. Somehow, this formidable obstacle had been broken at one place, leaving an open space - through which the entire hunt went charging.

They dashed across the secret rocket proving ground, the hounds barking, the hunters in their pink coats - shouting "Yoicks" and ^{"Tally ho!"} ~~"View na-tee!"~~ The fox was run to earth in a

rocket pit -- the very heart of the military secret.

The rocket scientists were outraged, so mad they refused to let the huntsmen have -- the brush. That's the tail of the box, the much prized trophy. So the Bicester Hunt Club had to ride off without the treasured trophy, and the rocket scientists kept the brush -- thought what they'll do with it, I don't know. Nelson, what would a rocket scientist do with the tail of a fox? Or what would you do with one??