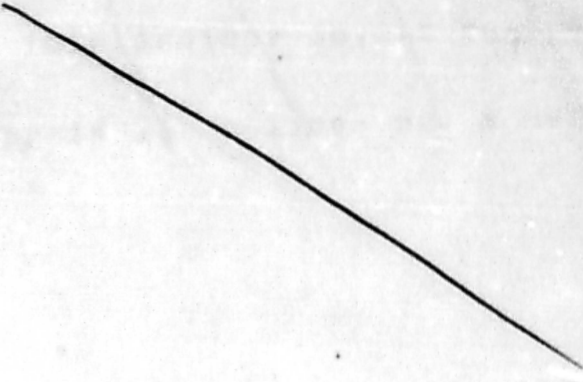


In Paris they are clinging to the hope that the Soviets may yet accept the compromise proposed by the smaller nations. Today, Foreign Ministers of the Big Three issued an indirect invitation, an unusual communique saying they are still willing to negotiate along the line of the small nation compromise, which means -- an invitation to Soviet Russia to settle the Berlin Crisis outside the U.N.

In Berlin, the Western Commanders have replied to the latest Red threat against the air lift - the Soviet announcement that the rules regulating the air corridors are invalid because they were never okayed by the Four Power Control Council. Which argument is a threat to cancel the system that gives the supply planes the right of way through the sky.



The British Berlin Commander, General Sir Brian Robertson, calls attention to the German Police Force the Soviets are building up in their zone. The Russians have mobilized a German Force of from two hundred to four hundred thousand, and have armed some units with machine guns, mortars and armored cars.

The British Commander today asked : "What is the purpose of this formidable force?

It has a distinctly military character," says he. Sir Brian Robertson echoes the suspicion that the Soviets, while pretending to create a police force, are actually mobilizing a german communist army to take over.

The Russians are talking about withdrawing their own troops from their occupation zone, which gives added point to that supposed - to - be police force. It sounds like a military outfit of German Reds, designed to turn Eastern Germany into another Soviet Pupp~~e~~t State. With armor and artillery, is it police- or a German Red Army?

NAVY DAY

^{U.S.}
The Navy is celebrating its hundred and seventy-third birthday today, in serious mood, rather than hilarious. Today warships were on display, Naval planes on parade in the sky, and sea and air power experts made addresses - all over the country.

At Worcester, Massachusetts, Admiral Denfeld, Chief of Naval Operations, gave warning that there is every reason to believe that Soviet Russia is building a submarine fleet "never before equalled in the history of Naval Forces," ^{was the way} ~~said~~ the Admiral ^{put it.}

Which was typical of the Navy Day addresses - all emphasis on the Red menace and the measures the Navy is taking to be ready, no matter what.

TRIALS

In Germany an American War Crimes court has acquitted thirteen top German military leaders of all criminal responsibility for Hitler's wars of aggression. Two of the defendants, a Field Marshall and a General, are convicted of war crimes against civilians and soldiers. But, as for sharing the guilt of starting the war, all of these prominent military leaders are cleared - on the ground that they were below the level of policy-making, and merely carried out orders.

The verdict, in effect, exonerates all Germans, except such as played a part in forming Nazi decisions to wage aggressive war.

FRANCE

In France the government is rounding up alien communists, arrests expected to run into the hundreds -- the seizure of foreign reds who have been fomenting the desperate French coal mine strike. The Paris government intends to expell these Red agitators from France.

Meanwhile, the military forces have taken firm control of most of the coal mines, and the word from Paris is that in many places the miners are returning to their jobs, a back-to-work movement -- the Red ~~for~~ federation of labor trying desperately to keep the coal mine strike from collapsing altogether.

Over here in this country coal ~~mine~~ leader John L. Lewis today spoke out in sympathy for the French strikers. He called upon the United States to withdraw Marshall Plans Funds from the French government -- on the ground that American money is being used to break the French strike. Lewis made the suggestion, not to Washington, but to President Green of the American Federation of Labor.

William F. Green accepts the Lewis advice
and will pass along ^{it} ~~the advice~~ to President Truman.

PALESTINE

Israel has rejected the U N request to withdraw from territory seized in the recent fighting. ~~It~~ flat "No" to the demand that both sides give up any gains made in the flare-up in the Southern^N Desert, the Negeb-where Jewish forces seized a good deal of strategic ground. The rejection is in a cable sent from Tel Aviv by Foreign Minister Shertok, who tells the U N that Israel will give up nothing. He adds that the question is one for, what he calls, "Possible Negotiations"

In Washington, something from the State Department on the subject of that latest Truman statement on Palestine. On Sunday the President declared in favor of the original partition plan, and assured the Jews that he is opposed to any change not acceptable to the State of Israel. This would seem to contravene the proposal made by the late Count Bernadotte, murdered in Palestine - who suggested that the Southern^N Desert, the Negeb, should be transferred to the Arabs, with Israel given territory in the Northern Part of Palestine, as compensation. The Bernadotte plan has received the approval of American Secretary of State

George Marshall in Paris. But Israel objects, bitterly opposed.


At the White House, Presidential aides asserted that the State Department was notified about the new Truman declaration - and approved. So today the newsmen questioned acting Secretary of State Lovett, and he made it clear that the Truman Declaration was drafted at the White House, not at the State Department.

He was asked if the State Department had approved, but refused to answer that one. Likewise, he would not say whether or not the Truman statement might be in conflict with the stand taken by Secretary of State Marshall in Paris.

POLITICS

In the political campaign, the Truman train was delayed today by a rather ironical accident. The Presidential Special was flagged over onto a siding, because the passenger train just ahead had hit an automobile. In the auto was a railroad-crossing-watchman, assigned to a special job at the town of Stafford - because the Truman train was scheduled to pass through. On his way to safeguard matters in connection with the Presidential Special - he, himself, got in front of the speeding Commodore Vanderbilt, running in advance of the Truman Campaign Party. It happened in a fog, and the watchman jumped to safety; his automobile demolished.

The President is in Boston tonight, rebuked the talk of Red infiltration in his



Administration, (and revert^{ed}~~ed~~ back to charges made by Governor Dewey four years ago. "The Republican Candidate for President in nineteen forty four," declares Truman," said here in Boston that Franklin D. Roosevelt was soliciting the support of Communists.")

On the Dewey side, we hear that the New York Governor and his aides are wondering whether or not to make a sharp retort to the Truman claim that the Republicans are rigging the public opinion polls. Last night the Democratic candidate said it was all a scheme to keep Democratic voters from casting their ballots.-- That's why public opinion polls are predicting the election of Dewey.

(Today, ~~for example~~, the Magazine Newsweek gives the result of questions addressed to fifty leading political writers in the country, asking their opinion. Their response is the belief that President Truman has gained ^{some} strength during his final two weeks of campaigning, but, that Dewey will win. The guess of these fifty leading political writers is that the electoral vote

will show, five-hundred-and-thirty-one for Dewey.
One-hundred-and-twenty-six for Truman.)

Even Moscow concedes. The Soviet Radio tonight admits that Henry Wallace will not be elected. And on the basis of the public ~~apx~~ opinion polls concedes the election to Dewey.

The New York Governor is in Cleveland tonight, where he will make the claim that the Democrats are doing the nation a "grave injury" by attempting to stay in office "at all costs". They are creating bitterness and strife" in this country, says Dewey.

ADD POLITICS

On reaching Cleveland, Governor Dewey tonight was greeted by the announcement that Alvanley Johnson, Chief of the Brotherhood of Railroad engineers, has come out for ^{the} Dewey - Warren ticket.

The statement of the big time railroad union leader is in the following words: "It has long been obvious that Dewey possesses rare qualities of leadership, and is deeply dedicated to the American concept of freedom."

TEXAS - POLITICS

In Texas they are having an uproar about the primary election last summer, in which Lyndon Johnson beat out Coke Stevenson for the Senate. A Congressional investigation is under way, but the lawmakers will have no chance of scrutinizing the ballots cast in Duval County.

Tonight ^{comes} ~~gives~~ a story of a mixup when a neighboring county found out it didn't have enough ballot boxes for the election on Tuesday -- its own being tied up by legal actions and charges of fraud. So the neighboring county asked - "any old ballot boxes to spare?" The Duval County officials replied -- "sure". They ordered a ~~aa~~ janitor of the county court to get out some ballot boxes and hand them over.

The janitor, an aged individual, proceeded to obey, he got out twenty-six battered old boxes and eleven new ones. The contents of these he dumped out, and burned in a vacant lot. The eleven new boxes contained the disputed ballots in the primary. They went up in smoke. -- *Q*nd the investigation will be badly handicapped in Duval County.

In South Carolina, the supporters of President Truman have formed a new south Carolina democratic party. - Action taken tonight. In opposition to the Dixiecrats they will try to establish themselves as the real democratic party of the state - ousting the anti-Truman faction. The attempt will be made after the election.

In Florida, the K^lu Klux Klan is going to ride again. So they announce In the town of Leesburg, the hooded order of intolerance distributed handbills today calling for a parade on election night - nightgown procession through Leesburg. This is one of the first instances of the ~~Klan~~ Klan coming out into the open again.

NURSE

From Birmingham, Alabama, a weird story, something for a tale of mystery and horror.

It happened to a forty-one year old nurse, Mrs. Estelle Wright, night nursing supervisor at a Birmingham hospital. Her experience so strange, so nerve racking, that today at the hospital she was put to bed, suffering from shock and hysteria.

She told how last night ^{as} she was leaving her home to report for duty at the hospital, to take charge of the nurses on the night shift, she was kidnapped. - Two men approaching her on the street and forcing her into an automobile. They drove her out into the country, a place in the woods of Shelby County.

There they told her to sew up ^{a wound -} ~~the wound~~ - but she had no surgical appliances with her, no antiseptic, and nothing to suture a wound. They gave her an ordinary needle and thread, and forced her to use that. So she sewed up ^a ~~the~~ ^{of one of their number,} gaping slash across the abdomen, with the same sort of needle and the same sort of thread a housewife uses to stitch a hem.

They they took her away, farther into the woods, and

turned her loose. She spent the rest of the night wandering in the gloom of trees, thickets and gulleys, until she came to the cabin of a negro farmer -- who summoned deputies of the sheriff's ^{office.} They took her back to the hospital, where today she told the weird story, and was put to bed ^{suffering from} - shock ^{and} hysteria.

Sounds like a case of criminals, some outlaw slashed with a knife; ~~and~~ his pals ^{not daring} ~~did not dare~~ to make any legal call for help. So they kidnapped the Night Nursing Supervisor of the Birmingham Hospital, and compelled her to sew up the gaping abdominal wound with a household needle and thread.

DORIS DUKE

Word from Reno, Doris Duke divorced again. Called the richest woman ~~xxx~~ in the world, she has severed the bonds of matrimony with the Dominican diplomat Porfirio Rubirosa.

Some years ago the Doris Duke divorce from socially prominent Jimmie Cromwell raised all sorts of ructions with blasts of publicity. But this time it was quick and quiet. Not even known that Doris Duke was in Reno, until this afternoon her lawyer gave out a brief announcement of the divorce.

SALOON

The news has been telling of events at Tom Sullivan's Bar Room in San Francisco; - how Pat Fleming lived for thirty days in a cubby hole, a guest unwanted and unknown. Today we have the details of the mixup and ^{the} complications that were caused.

Pat happened to find that a bar room stairway led up to a little room, an abandoned, neglected attic. -- ^{and} he made that his lodging place. His way was to walk into the bar shortly before closing time at night, mingle with the customers, and sneak up the stairs to the cubby hole. When the bar closed, he'd come downstairs for supper - ham sandwiches and hard boiled eggs. The diet was a bit monotonous, but nourishing and filling. The money the customers paid for hard boiled eggs was deposited in a cash box, and this provided Pat with change for small expenses. Pat had an eye for the better grades of whiskey ^{too,} and always took a bottle with him when he went back up to the attic room for a night of restful sleep.

In the morning, he'd wait until ^{the saloon} business was ^{under} ~~gone~~

way, and along about noon he'd sneak down, mingle among the customers, and go out for the day - taking a stroll, attending a movie. It would have been too confining to be cooped up in the cubby hole all day.

So it was the life of Reilly in the Sullivan Saloon. But ^{it} came to an end when drops of liquid seeped down through the ceiling, ^{--- drops of} ~~seeping~~ bonded Bourbon. During the night Pat ~~had~~ knocked over a bottle. - And now he's in a San Francisco jail.

But meanwhile ~~there were~~ complications ^{had developed} in the Sullivan Saloon. The food bar was run by Mr. and Mrs. Al Dover. The ham was disappearing too rapidly, and Mr. Dover accused Mrs. Dover of slicing the ham too thick for the sandwiches. ~~the~~ Hard boiled eggs ~~were~~ disappearing ^{too,} and the proprietor, Mr. Sullivan accused Mr. Dover of not providing as many as he was supposed to. Mr. Dover, in turn, suspected Mr. Sullivan of being responsible for the shortage of change in the hard boiled egg cash box.

As for the disappearance of the bottles of whiskey Mr. Sullivan accused all of his bartenders.

So you can see how intricate matters were becoming; and war was about to break out, when those drops of Bourbon seeped thru the floor and they found Pat - up there leading the life of Reilly in that room over the Sullivan Saloon.

And now Nelson, back to you.