

TRUMAN

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President Truman repeats and emphasizes the official statement of yesterday - that he will not go into any two-way meeting with Stalin.

He says again that he will be glad to see the Soviet Dictator, if Stalin should come to Washington

- but that's all. As for negotiating, that will

have to be an all-around affair done through

the United Nations. This was stated at a White

House news conference today, ~~and is no more whatever~~

- merely an emphatic presidential repetition of

a declaration yesterday by Secretary of State

Acheson. No two-way palaver by the big timers in

the White House and the Kremlin.

CHINA

A new Chinese puzzle. A communist withdrawal from the Yangtze. With virtually no opposition to stop them, the Reds, instead of surging forward are pulling back. Maybe its because of peace negotiations, maybe its - just Chinese.

HUNGARY

In Red Hungary, <sup>at</sup> Budapest, Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty, the Primate of Hungary, went on trial today. In court a letter he ~~wrote~~ wrote was read, a letter in which the Cardinal ~~stated~~ stated:- "I have recognized that I ~~may~~ have committed in principle the crimes charged against me." These crimes consist of - acts against the ~~Soviet~~ Communist Dictatorship. The Cardinal is accused of plotting with Americans and British against the Red regime - he being in favor of a restoration of the ancient monarchy in Hungary.

In court, today, when the letter was read, Cardinal Mindszenty was asked - had he written it? He walked to a ~~an~~ microphone and said - "yes". ~~We are~~ told that the Primate of Hungary has made an offer to help in promoting peace between the Red puppet government and the Hungarian Church, over which he presides. He is represented as asking that his trial be delayed for this purpose. Request denied - trial continuing. Six other <sup>(defendants)</sup> ~~defendants~~ co-workers of the Cardinal, faced the Red tribunal today -- in a court room guarded as only the Reds can guard. Soldiers

armed with tommy guns ~~are~~ stationed a few paces apart and each defendant ~~is~~ guarded by a Red policeman, who sits ~~in~~ behind him. Such is the scene as the Hungarian Reds proceed against the first Cardinal of the Roman Church, to be placed on trial in modern times.

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In Vienna, the American zone, a statement was made today by the leader of the Hungarian Democratic Peoples Party - the only remaining group in opposition to the dictatorship. He is a ~~man~~ fugitive, arriving in Vienna after a flight from Hungary.

Today he stated that he got out to escape the ~~his~~ vengeance of the Reds, because he would ~~join~~ not join in denouncing Cardinal Mindszenty and the Vatican. This the Reds wanted him to do - wanted that one remaining non-Communistic party to add its voice to the Red chorus against the prelate on trial and the Roman-Catholic church. Refusal meant reprisals, so the leader of the Peoples Party got out, - ~~he~~ managed to escape.

ADD HUNGARY

*Letter from Budapest:-*

The Cardinal was subjected to more than five hours of questioning, during which he denied taking part in any plot, but admitted his opposition to the Reds.

## UNIONS

In Washington - a proposition that Congress make it a crime for Communists to hold office in a labor union. This is suggested by the Secretary of Labor, Morris Tobin, who appeared before a Senate Congressional Committee today.

The Committee is considering the repeal of the Taft-Hartley Act and Secretary Tobin decried the non-communist affidavit provision of that labor law. He said it was no good - that clause of the Taft-Hartley law which requires that labor union officials take an oath that they are not Communists. This does not keep Reds ~~an~~ from controlling unions, declared the Secretary of Labor; and he demanded something far more severe - make it a criminal offense ~~of~~ for a Communist to be a union official.

## ATOMIC

From Oak Ridge, Tennessee, a statement - that this country must press the development of an atomic airplane engine. This comes from Brigadier General T.A. Sims, head of an atomic engine project.

He points out that atomic bombs are of little use, unless we have some way to carry them to a target - a distant target. In an ~~up-to-date~~ up-to-date sense this means - jet planes.

But the jets, at present, have little range.

General Sims points out that at supersonic speed, it requires eight thousand pounds of fuel to fly two and one half minutes. Which would make a supersonic jet flight of ten thousand miles a fantastic impossibility. But the atomic power derived from one pound of uranium is equivalent to two million gallons of gasoline. So the atomic possibilities in point of distance, are virtually endless.

General Sims thinks that the plane in which an atomic engine will be used is likely to be - the flying wing type. In the flying wing, the atomic engine might be placed in the middle, with the

quarters for the crews at the ends of the wing. Which ~~was~~ would keep the crew away from the immediate area of atomic radiation.


All of which is background for the urgent proposal - get busy with research for an ~~atomic~~<sup>atomic</sup> airplane engine.

In Washington - an ~~atomic~~<sup>atomic</sup> story is brewing. Congress has received a secret report from Atomic Chairman Lilienthal, who calls it - "one of the hottest documents ever assembled." The report discloses an amount of information which ~~stirs~~ immediately the old controversy about how much should be disclosed - secrecy versus publicity.



## PLANE

Today a giant airplane was flying East from California, <sup>a</sup> passenger liner, trailing two long plumes of smoke. These tell the story -- jet. It is the Navy's new one hundred and ~~six~~ eighty passenger "Constitution", the largest commercial type of land plane in the world - and, at the same time, an airliner driven by that newest of propulsion, jet engines. Ninety persons aboard, passengers and crew -- on a non-stop flight from Moffett Field, California, to Washington D.C. ~~This is the~~ greatest number of human beings ever carried on a non-stop trans-continental flight.



ADD AIRPLANE

The latest the big plane has landed in  
Washington, nine twenty-seven P.M. Washington time.  
A great flight by an epoch-making plane.

NAVY

The Navy is making drastic cut - to stay within the limits of the Truman budget. The funds asked by the President, are such that the Navy has to take seventy-two ships out of active service and <sup>slash</sup> ~~cutting~~ <sup>the Navy</sup> ~~the~~ air force by four-hundred-and-eighteen planes. Thirteen Naval air stations are being reduced or made entirely inactive - because of the limitations of the Truman budget.

## ARMY WEATHER

The Army gives a resume of the work it has done in checking the ravages of cold and snow. In addition to the hay lift run by the Air Force, the Army has done a bullzoder job of opening roads - bringing aid to some five thousand ~~xxxxxx~~ marooned human beings and saving one hundred and fifty thousand head of livestock.

BOOK

Today brings the appearance of a notable book called *The Greatest Story Ever Told* by the well known author *Fulton Oursler*, *— who is also one of the editors of The Reader's Digest*. It is the life of Jesus, a present day view of the immortal story told in the Gospels. Some while ago Fulton Oursler produced the *Life of Jesus* on the radio, in dramatization of the Gospels. Now - a book, with simple affecting narrative, a modern-retelling of *The Greatest Story Ever told*.

JOE LOUIS

In New York, the State Liquor authorities have refused a wholesale beer license to heavyweight champion Joe Louis and Welterweight champion Ray Robinson. The statement is made that the two title holding Negro pugilists have been made the dupes of a gangster, a one time big shot of the Capone mob.

It all concerns a company called World Champions, Inc. The President of the concern, Joe Louis. Chairman of the board - Ray Robinson. The business? wholesale dealers in beer. The principal stockholder being the Canadian Ace Brewing Company of Chicago, formerly owned by Capone, now controlled by Alexander Louis Greenberg, described as "The financial genius behind the Capone mob."

So the allegation is that the World Heavyweight title holder and the welterweight champ, listed as company president and chairman of the board, have been used by gangster interests and that World Champions Incorporated is a descendant of the old Capone racket.

The New York State Liquor Board gives the opinion that Joe Louis and Ray Robinson have been made the dupes of the mob; unwittingly allowing their names to be used by persons of evil design."

## PYRAMID

Los Angeles is having an uproar about the Pyramid Clubs. These have become the rage in Southern California - a kind of chain ~~letter~~ letter affair, money going with the letters, and prizes ~~are~~ awarded. The chain-letters pyramid, and <sup>so</sup>~~do~~ does the cash - the lucky winners getting thousands of dollars. ~~As~~ Or at least, they are supposed to - but the police ~~feel~~<sup>say</sup> it is all a huge racket.

The Los Angeles authorities declared today that the operators of the Pyramid Clubs have collected large sums of money from chain-letter members, and pocketed the cash -- by the use of dummy winners.

They name some individual as the lucky one who has hit the Pyramid jackpot. But he is only a stooge - and the operators are the real winners. ~~This follows a raid on the Algiers Club, headquarters for some fifteen thousand Pyramid members in East Los Angeles. There are fifteen thousand in that section alone - who have gone into the chain letter fad, and contributed cash. The police arrested Ralph~~



Reynolds, one of the operators. They say they grabbed him while he was dealing with a dummy winner.

~~In a few minutes previously a prize had been awarded, two thousand, and forty-eight dollars, the money handed over in high style to a dummy winner. *And they caught him* So now he was kicking back two-thousand and eighteen dollars to the operator. *In other words, The dummy ~~only~~ getting* thirty bucks. They say that he was hired *only* yesterday to play the part of the winner in the Pyramid pay-off.~~

Such is the story ~~is~~ that emanates from the District Attorney's office in Los Angeles, and there is an announcement that there will be a country-wide investigation of all big-time Pyramid Clubs.

## FISHING

Here at Donner Pass I encountered a prodigy of a sort to raise the morale of a lot of beaten down people who are often shamed and humiliated. You might call them the depressed class in the art of -- fishing. Donner Pass, high in the snowy Sierras, is a ski ~~resort~~ <sup>country</sup> in the winter, ~~But~~ <sup>— and what ski country!</sup>, it is equally favored for fishing in the summer. And one of the mighty anglers in these parts is a ~~xxx~~ man imposing, likewise in other ways. He is ~~Merle~~ <sup>and three</sup> Jennings, the three-hundred <sup>and three</sup> pound superintendent of the Sacramento Division of the Southern Pacific. He began as a switchman some forty <sup>odd</sup> years ago, and today his mountain division of the Southern Pacific is bigger than many a full scale railroad line in this country.

I asked this mighty fisherman - what kind of fly does he use? What kind of ~~may fly~~ <sup>royal coachman</sup> or black dragon does he flip to lure the trout or steel-head? "Fly"? he growled. "I use worms". <sup>Whereupon he</sup> ~~he~~ told me that he <sup>C</sup>ultivates and raises a special brand, his own private stock - of worms. Which certainly will shock a lot of orthodox fisherman, those aloof and snobbish

flycasters. You know the way they look down on anybody who fishes with worms, snooting them as the lower class and hoi-polloi of anglers. So here is a chance for that depressed class of ~~xi~~ fishermen to feel superior.

Jennings of the Southern Pacific says that, with worms, he catches ten to one compared with the flycasters. He is just as skillful, too, casting the worm with as much skill and distance as anybody ~~xi~~ can toss those feathery, frivolous lures. He tells me that he feeds his own private stock of worms with a special kind of diet. He gives them cornmeal mixed with coffee grounds. That latter item, coffee grounds, surprised me no end. Maybe it gives the worms the savor of coffee, which the fish like. Maybe the Jennings method is like offering to the steelhead and the trout - a cup of coffee.

STRIP TEASER

In New York, Georgia Sothern, a strip teaser, entered a bankruptcy petition today. In this the strip teaser declared that her only assets were Seven Dollars in cash and One Hundred Dollars worth of clothes. The clothes, I suppose, may be listed as tools of the trade. <sup>So she can</sup> Take 'em off.

WEATHER

I knew, when I came journeying out into the West, that I ~~would~~ would find things they would never dream of in the East -- far more remarkable. In Washington, our National Capitol, for example, the legislators can be wonderful.

But what about the State of Washington? In the matter of sheer genius Washington D C cannot compete with Washington, up there where the Columbia River is mighty and majestic.

Today in the State Legislature, a bill was introduced - outlawing bad weather. Which certainly is to the point, after the weather the West has<sup>3</sup><sub>1</sub> been been having this winter.

The measure was introduced by two ~~Republican~~ Representatives from Seattle, who call for the creation of a commission, the purpose of which is related in the following words: "To create sunshine, to dispel clouds, and prohibit snow, ice or slides upon highways and railroad tracks" which would make bad

weather against the law, *! And now our Hollywood*  
~~command to sunshine and~~  
~~prohibiting blizzards~~  
*disseller of clouds and creator of sunshine, Ken Miles.*