

TREATY -

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(Salem.)

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was shown an interesting document today, a draft of the treaty for North Atlantic Security Pact. Secretary of State Acheson, met the committee behind closed doors and presented a copy of the terms drawn up in the long negotiations between the Western Powers. The terms are being kept secret, but the report is that the Atlantic agreement provides that an attack made on any of the countries in the Western Alliance would be considered as an attack against them all. The governments that sign the pact would be pledged to take whatever action they consider necessary - including war. So that would leave it up to each country to decide itself as the necessary action - to decide about declaring war.

What reception did the committee give the draft of the treaty tentative approval. Nothing final, but an okay of the draft as it now stands.

## WORLD GOVERNMENT

The California legislature has now before it a resolution urging the United States to join -- a world federal government. Assembly man Thomas Maloney of San Francisco introduced the measure today hoping that California will take the lead in pushing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States for the purpose of having this country become a member of a global federation, a world government.

## BULGARIA

The Bulgarian trial of Protestant pastors ends about as might have been expected - sentences of life imprisonment imposed on the four leading churchmen. They ~~are~~ leaders of four Evangelical congregations in Bulgaria - Congregational, Methodist, Baptist, Pentecost. The charges against them, treason, black marketing, and espionage; ~~are~~ the same or much the same as the accusations against Cardinal Mindszenty in Hungary; and the penalty is the same - life imprisonment.

The final act in the trial drama was, according to the previous pattern of the trial. There was no emotional display of weeping, such as characterized the confessions. But the attitude of the convicted churchmen was the same - self-accusation and expressions of allegiance to the Red dictatorship. Upon being sentenced to life imprisonment, they declared they were satisfied, and thanked the Red Court.

Of the other fifteen pastors, nine were sentenced to terms from five to fifteen years. Two were set free.

## AUSTRALIA

In Australia the government is moving to bring treason charges against the head of the Australian Communist party - William Sharkey. What did he do? *Oh,* same as the Red leaders everywhere else. He declared that, should Soviet forces invade the Land Down Under, they would be welcomed and aided by the Australian Communists. *R* And so the chorus goes around the world.

Obviously Moscow has passed out orders, party line instructions, *which all* ~~and the~~ *^* Reds hasten to obey - proclaiming their allegiance to the Soviets, if war should come.

In this country President Truman has called it - treason. In Australia they are taking action, Prime Minister Chifley today ordering measures for bringing Communist leader William Sharkey to trial on charges of treason.

## ESPIONAGE

Tonight some bits of information come through the secrecy that surrounds the charges against Judith Coplon, the <sup>U.S.</sup> government girl accused of planning to pass confidential information to a Soviet engineer on the staff of the United Nations.

Judith Coplon worked for the Department of Justice, and the question is what kind of secrets could she have transmitted to Red espionage? She worked as a political analyst in a section where <sup>(foreign</sup> ~~foreign~~ agents registered ~~as~~ according to law. Much of the information with which she had to deal is unimportant -- available to the public. But now the word from Washington is that she <sup>also</sup> had access to data classified as -- hush-hush. <sup>TP</sup> Two kinds of information guarded as strictly secret.)

One - a list of foreign agents under investigation by the F B I, together with tips disclosing the identity of people who may have given the ~~to~~ F B I confidential information about them. Also - the names of secret agents of friendly

powers ~~to~~ operate<sup>ing</sup> in this country - in secret. It isn't difficult to imagine that Great Britain for example -- might have intelligence people working in collaboration with our own - and we might not want their identity disclosed, by making them register on a public list, --- all between friends.

So that's the kind of secret information mentioned in the case of the young woman employee of the Department of Justice who was arrested - accused of being about to hand confidential information to the Russian employed by the United Nations.

The latest indication from Washington is that Judith Coplon was not linked with other federal employees in the kind of spy ring much talked about in headlines for months past. Officials declare that investigation would seem to indicate that she was working alone - in cooperation with the Soviet engineer.

## FILIBUSTER

Today <sup>is</sup> an anniversary, to which we would pay little attention ordinarily - but it comes at a dramatic moment. March Eighth is the thirty-second birthday of the present rule of the United States Senate ~~as~~ for dealing with filibusters; - and, right now the Senate is in the middle of a filibuster. The Southerners - trying to talk to death a proposed new rule that would do away with filibusters.

The present rule was adopted on March Eighth, Nineteen Seventeen, and was part of the procedure that got us into the First World War. President Woodrow Wilson, pursuing his foreign policy, was faced with the opposition of a determined group of anti-war Senators. He called them <sup>by words that were</sup> ~~as was~~ famous at the time: - "a little group of willful men." Their weapon was the filibuster; - talk something to death. At the behest of Woodrow Wilson, the Senate enacted a rule, checking the right of unlimited debate, which had prevailed ~~thence~~ theretofore.

Well, a few weeks later the United States was

in the First World War with no need of invoking the anti-filibuster rule. It was first applied in Nineteen Nineteen, in the case of the Treaty of Versailles - when a vote was forced against a filibuster, and the treaty was rejected by the Senate.

So there is a large background of history behind that rule of check debates. But it has not stopped filibusters - especially in the case of the Southerners who on various occasions have been able to talk to death a bill concerning racial rights. Which is now occurring <sup>all</sup> over again ~~in the~~ in the case of the Truman civil rights program.

That oh rule has a lot of complexities, but the gist is that it takes a two-thirds vote of the Senate to stop debate -- cloture. ~~Moreover this~~ cloture ~~can~~ be applied only to the consideration of a bill -- and not the preliminaries to a new cloture rule. ~~and~~ the Southerners are taking advantage of that to go on talking.



President Truman has come out for a rule that would stop debate by a mere majority - instead of two thirds. That has aroused opposition, the word today is that the anti-filibuster measure is as good as dead. The Truman leaders are said to admit this and are merely looking for a way out.

The present filibuster is holding up a lot of necessary legislation - especially rent control. The law imposing rent control expires March thirty-first -- and if the filibuster went on, it would threaten the legislation that is necessary to continue the controls. If the ceilings on rent were to come to an end, it might create a situation that the politicians would not dare ~~be~~ face.

Moreover the southerners may get help in the development of the Cain-Wallgren battle. Republican Senator Cain of Washington is fighting to block the nomination of former Washington Governor, Mon Wallgren as chairman of the National Securities Resources Board. There have been bitter exchanges of <sup>that</sup> ~~epitaphs~~ and

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Senator Cain says that he is ready to talk for two days if necessary in opposition to Wallgren. ~~What~~ Which two days of oratory would be no end of help to the Southerners.

...the thousand letters from constituents from the State of Washington. He started this afternoon with what the news dispatch calls a bombshell. He demanded investigation of reports that Sen. Wallgren won fifty thousand dollars in a crap game with Good Tim Johnny Meyers plus the amount spent for Howard Hughes the millionaire plane builder. Cain told the Senate that he had the information about the crap game from Columnist Drew Pearson.

Wallgren calls the story entirely false. He says he never won a single dollar from Good Tim Johnny Meyers.

ADD FILIBUSTER

Later news - Senator Cain has begun his long distance oratory. His desk in the Senate is piled high with material to recite. Seventy-eight thousand words of typewritten words, <sup>plus</sup> two thousand letters from constituents from the State of Washington. He started this afternoon with what the news dispatch calls - a bombshell. He demanded investigation of reports that Mon Wallgren won fifty-thousand dollars in a crap game with Good Time Johnny Meyers playboy press agent for Howard Hughes the millionaire plane builder, Cain told the Senate that he had the information about the crap game from Columnist Drew Pearson.

Still later - Mon Wallgren calls the story entirely false. He says he never won a single dollar from Good Time Johnny Meyers.

## KING

King George of Britain is to undergo an ~~new~~ operation. As the news has told, the monarch is suffering from an ailment of blood ~~in~~ circulation in his legs. Apparently he has been getting better, but now the doctors declare that he will have to have an operation performed on his right foot, because an artery ~~is~~ still remains obstructed. Doctors are quoted as saying that the operation is not at all dangerous, but a rare type of surgery.

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In case you are interested, the name of the operation is lumbar sympathectomy. It sounds like sympathy, but it is done by doctors with a knife.

ODOM

That Bill Odom flight worked up to a thrill, shortly before it came to a triumphant conclusion today. The sky voyage from Hawaii to New York ended with a smooth landing at the Teterboro, New Jersey flying field, which more than doubled the previous distance record for single engine light planes.

Bill, in constant radio communication with the airports on the ground, told how one gas tank had run dry. He was flying at eleven thousand feet - and when the gasoline ran out, his motor stopped. He had another tank, but before he could switch to that his plane went gliding down into chill moist clouds - icing conditions. Ice began to form on the wings - which can be a deadly peril.

By the time he had his other tank switched on and the motor going again - the plane was so badly iced up all he could do was to keep winging downward. This he did, until he got into lower, warmer air. Whereupon the ice on the wings melted. The plane in good shape once

again, he went right on.

Landing at Teterboro, he had between fourteen and fifteen gallons of gasoline left, enough for another three hundred miles. Those light, single-motored jobs don't eat up the gas so greedily.

Well, Bill Odom is one grand flier and fellow. He jumped to fame a couple of years ago with a speed flight around the world, and now he has accomplished his ambition of a non-stop light plane hop from Honolulu to New York.

By the way, Bill, how about that flight to the mysterious mountain of inner China the Himalayan summit which has been reported to be the highest peak in the world. I have been wanting to see Bill Odom and have him tell me his story of attempt to make a flight to the legended peak last year. There were some funny twisters, but maybe Bill has some idea of trying again.

## FLOODS

There is one thirty-mile area of peril in this country tonight, and that is the thirty miles along the Missouri River from the town of Blair downstream, to Omaha. At Blair the river is only three feet below flood level, while at Omaha the water is eleven feet below flood level. Which means a difference of eight feet in the height of the water at places thirty miles apart. The reason, an ice jam behind which the Missouri has backed up -- causing that difference of eight feet.

Today the weather experts said -- "There is something in there that has got to come loose" meaning the ice jam. So that will happen when it does come loose-- and that extra height of eight feet of water goes roaring down toward Omaha.

That is the most dramatic feature of the flood story -- which also pictures the town of Beatrice, Nebraska, split into three parts by flood waters from the Big Blue River. Then there is the Platte, which tonight has divided into two rivers. An ice jamb has caused the waters to flow to right and left, like two arms each streaming across country and pouring into other rivers.

## SALEM

I'm in Salem, Oregon tonight. Evidently to the people out here this is more than the capital of a state. Outside town there is a sign that says Salem, Oregon, the Forty-Fifth parallel - midway to the Equator. Salem is not only a metropolis of the great Northwest, it is an educational center, and I am broadcasting from the auditorium of Willamette University, the oldest college, the oldest institution of higher learning West of Missouri. It was founded out here even before gold was discovered in California in Eighteen ~~Four~~ty-two -- by methodist missionaries.

One of the predecessors of Dr. G. Herbert Smith was a Washington statesman named Willis Hawley who wrote his name large in the history of American government, as one of the authors of the famous Smoot-Hawley tariff.

I've been chatting with President Smith about the American Field Service Campaign of which I happen to be Chairman, the campaign headed by young Americans who drove ambulances and otherwise served in at the



front in a non-combat capacity, before we entered the war. A campaign to bring young people from other countries to study in our colleges and ~~ax~~ universities. Dr. Smith wants Willamette University to play a part in this.

One of these young students who ~~are~~ already is in this country, is a young chap from Paris now at the famous Harvard School of Business. During the Nazi occupation of his country he made a name for himself in the French Underground. One night he and some of his fellow French Commandos were waiting to ambush a German munitions convoy. Chatting in the dark he told his companion that after the war he planned to go to America to study business methods, over here. His fellow Commando ridiculed this. Last summer, in Paris, on vacation, from Harvard, he found that his pal had ~~been~~ become an organizer for the Communist party. The two talked much about America, the young French Communist prodding him with questions, all of which he answered in the light of his

experience, in college here. As they walked slowly down the street, his friend came to a trash can. He stopped, reached in his pocket, pulled out a sheaf of Red pamphlets, looked at them a moment, threw them in the can and walked on. One less Communist in Europe! And every student who comes over here under the auspices of the American Field Service will return home to work in Government, journalism, and other fields where he will play a vital part in influencing public opinion.

And now Ken -- would you like a moment in which to influence public opinion?