

Members of the National Maritime Union say they are going ahead with their strike tomorrow. In a final effort to prevent the walkout Secretary of Labor Schwollenbach has appealed to postpone it. As he put it: "the maintenance of shipping is such an important element in our economic structure that we can't afford to have it disturbed".

But, members of the Sailors Union of the Pacific, a West Coast seamen's organization, have already ~~at~~ walked off their jobs, twenty-four hours ahead of time. Ships are without crews tonight at San Francisco and Portland - meaning ~~a~~ partial ~~paraly~~ paralysis of West Coast shipping.

Tonight a spokesman for the sailors union announced that all A & L seamen on the West Coast will proceed with the strike as scheduled, no matter what the Wage Stabilization Board has to say about a rehearing of their wage demands.

## BLACK MARKET

O P A price ceilings ~~xxx~~ on meat again, beginning September ninth. According to Washington, black marketeers are all set for another cleanup. Also, says Washington, O P A operators, some twenty five hundred of them, are all set to break the black market, smash it once and for all.

According to one O P A administrator there are, now, in many cities - especially New York and Chicago - tremendous stores of black market meat waiting to be moved when price ceilings go into effect once more. He added that these stores of meat are known to O P A agents, and whoever moves them will have to move them fast.

He also remarked "each butcher must make his own decision - whether he wants to cooperate with his government or admit he has started his own little black ~~xxx~~ market".

He warns that O P A men intend to hit soon and hit hard at every violator of the law. And, ~~they~~ that they already know who most of the violators will be.



## STOCK MARKET

The government in Washington is keeping an eye on the stock market in New York -- which has gone into a tumbling act, ~~a sudden decline of prices all along the line~~. Today Secretary of the Treasury Snyder said he was -- puzzled, but not yet alarmed.

~~He is~~ Puzzled because he can't see anything in the economic state of affairs to justify <sup>nose</sup> the dive the stock market has taken, ~~head over heels~~. *He doesn't think it is* ~~He was asked whether he thought it was~~ caused by the ~~tense political~~ crisis between the Western Democracies and Soviet Russia. ~~He dismissed that,~~ <sup>and</sup> ~~then~~ <sup>he</sup> denied rumors that the fall of prices was caused by heavy foreign selling -- French and Dutch interests unloading American securities. Nothing to it.

The secretary had only one suggestion to offer, a vague suggestion -- that the stock market nose-dive was because a lot of people have come back from their summer vacations, and are taking a look at things. An official of the Treasury makes the remark that a lot of little fellows are getting scared and

want to sell out and take their profits. Adding it all up, we seem to get an official Washington opinion -- that the decline of security prices is because a lot of little fellows, returning from vacations, have been selling stocks.

~~As for Secretary Snyder's remark that he is not yet alarmed -- there is further evidence in the fact that the Federal Reserve System is taking no special action. There is no fear, apparently, that Government securities may be affected by the break in the market. That is shown by the fact that no special meeting has been called by the Federal Reserve Committee in charge of stabilizing the market for government bonds. The committee won't get together again before its next regular meeting in October.~~

~~Apparently~~  
~~all of which is evidence that~~ the Federal Government considers the downward spiral of prices in the New York Stock Market to be one of those fluctuations to which security prices are always liable in the regular course of things.



## JUGOSLAVIA

The United States will ~~must~~ consider the Jugoslav controversy closed - if Tito pays the indemnity. This was stated today by Acting Secretary of State Clayton - in comment on the American note to Jugoslavia, made public last night. This was in response to a message from Tito - couched in harsh terms and disclaiming Jugoslav responsibility for the shooting down of two American planes, five American airmen killed in a flaming crash.

Our response is to demand compensation for the loss of planes and lives. And today the Acting Secretary of State declared that if Tito pays up, the case will be closed. But there can be no settlement unless Tito pays.

## PEACE CONFERENCE

The conference of the Big Four in Paris ran into a deadlock today, <sup>And that</sup> ~~which~~ has a familiar sound. ~~The recent Big Four meetings were arranged because the Paris Peace Conference was in a deadlock. One meeting of the Foreign Ministers was held, and was deadlocked. After which Molotov went back to Moscow to talk things over with Stalin, and in Paris today Soviet Deputy Delegate Vishinsky called another gathering for the Big Four.~~

When the Foreign Ministers met Vishinsky promptly hauled out a monkey-wrench and threw it into the machinery -- much to the discomfiture of the American, British and French delegates, ~~Byrnes~~ Byrnes, Bevin and Bidault. Vishinsky was undoubtedly carrying out orders that resulted from Molotov's talks with Stalin. He proposed that the general assembly of the United Nations, scheduled to meet in New York on September Twenty-Third, should be postponed until November -- and then should convene, not in New York, but in



Europe, <sup>^</sup>Paris or Geneva.

~~There were~~ Immediate objections by the other members of the Big Four -- Byrnes, Bevin and Bidault. I suppose you might call them the Big B. They pointed out that the gathering of the Assembly of the United Nations had already been postponed on~~g~~, 'because of the dragging out delay of the Peace Conference in Paris' -- and they didn't want to put it off again.

Now why do the Soviets want to postpone the meeting of the U.N.? Vishinsky says it ~~is~~ because the Moscow Government ~~doesn't~~ <sup>doesn't</sup> have enough trained diplomats for both the Peace Conference and the United Nations assembly at the same time. ~~That's~~ That's a new kind of shortage -- a shortage of diplomats. Hitherto, according to the impression you get from history -- there has been an oversupply of these.

~~Bevin of London, arguing against Vishinsky, suggested that the assembly of the U.N., meeting in New York, could confine itself to~~

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But, this evening ~~The latest is~~

was made

an announcement by the

Secretary General of the U N that the Assembly  
will convene on September twenty third, at Flushing  
New York -- according to schedule.



## SOVIET ATTACKS

Washington denies Moscow statements that the American Ambassador to Argentina has been talking up war between the Western Democracies and Soviet Russia.

In the Soviet newspaper Pravda today appeared another of those delirious Kremlin productions. Pravda calls Ambassador Messersmith -- "A political gangster." ~~That's~~ Because the Ambassador is supposed to have said that a third world war is inevitable, and that the Latin-American countries should join the United States in a conflict against World Communism. Messersmith quoted as prognosticating that the world would be saved from global Red tyranny because the United States possesses the atomic bomb.

Pravda compares the American Ambassador to what it calls "the most desperate gangsters of the Hearst Press." It also compares the Ambassador to Drew Pearson. So, <sup>my</sup> our esteemed radio colleague also wins the curses of the Soviets. Congratulations, Drew.

Pravda climaxes with a declaration that

the anti-Soviet declaration was made with the backing of the State Department in Washington -- so now the State Department replies. Washington points out that the remarks that Pravda attributes to Ambassador Messersmith were previously printed in the New York Communist newspaper, the Daily Worker. At that time, the State Department cabled the Ambassador and asked -- did he say that, to which Messersmith replied -- no, the story in the Daily Worker was a fraud. Which same answer is now applied to the ranting in Pravda.

And another Soviet bouquet of kind words is presented -- this one to British Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery. The Moscow radio states that Montgomery's current visit to Canada is connected with the defense of ~~Canada's~~ Canada's northern border, the ~~xxx~~ arctic region -- in preparation for the next war.

We know, of course, that the Dominion, and the United States too -- are looking northward -- with ideas that an air war of the atomic ~~xxx~~ era might well be a trans-Arctic affair, across the North Pole.

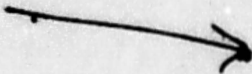


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Well, in this instance, the Soviets are evidently correct. We do have the privilege of defending the continent on which we live, and we seem to be making plans to defend it.

The combined-Canadian-American chiefs of Staff in Washington announce that they are <sup>intensively</sup> ~~intensely~~ working on our defenses against Trans-Polar assault. Both Canadian and American units have been carrying out maneuvers in the Arctic for many months.

And the Russians are right about the visit of Field Marshal Montgomery, Chief of the British General Staff. It does have something to do with these American-Canadian maneuvers. The word tonight is that Monty will discuss Far Northern defense problems with General Eisenhower when Monty crosses the border.



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The Moscow radio threatens that the Red Armies will take counter-measures -- Soviet military preparations for what future history may call - the campaign of the North Pole.

## HEIRENS

In Chicago, the seventeen year old atrocity killer, William Heirens, pleaded guilty today. In the courtroom the charges were read off, three murders, including the fiendish killing of six year old Susan Degnan. And on the list were twenty four burglaries, and two assaults. After each charge, the burly youth muttered guilty.

His tragic parents were there listening with bowed heads - the father and mother who, in a quiet upright home, had reared a son who had seemed to be a good boy, a model sophomore in college. But he turned out to be a strange psychopath, with a hideous criminal side.

Today the psychiatrists revealed that George Heirens wants to die in the electric chair, to be rid of his other self, his maniac self. He is sane, but has a split personality, Jekyll and Hyde - so much so that he gives his other evil personality a separate name - George Murmans. So, say the psychiatrists, he wants to make an end of it all in



the electric chair - and thus get free of George  
Murmans.

The sentence on him will not be passed for  
a couple of days. The prosecution insists on  
presenting other evidence to back up today's repeated  
plea of - guilty.

## YEAR AND A DAY

Last night I told about the American airmen who were having a reunion in New York, ~~called~~ <sup>called that</sup> The Year And A Day Club, because when they were at Maxwell Field, as cadets, in Class forty-three B, they resolved to get together in New York a year and one day after the end of the war. <sup>TP</sup> Well, they had their party last night, these airmen, who had flown in various parts of the world. I gave a figure last night that had been given to me, <sup>that</sup> ~~me~~ of the one hundred and fifty who hoped to meet a year and a day after the war, I said fifty were still alive. Today, one of the number called me to tell me that the figure was wrong. ~~Of~~ <sup>Of</sup> the original one hundred and fifty, only eighteen survived.

## CRASH

Today's airplane crash in France might have had repercussions in world affairs - except for one small turn of circumstances. The Premier of Greece had a cold, and that probably saved his life. Otherwise, he would have been one of the twenty-six persons aboard the ill-fated airliner - and twenty were killed.

Premier Tsaldaris was on his way from Athens to London to convey to King George of Greece official notice of the result of the Greek election. His mission was to complete the plebiscite by taking to the King a formal invitation to return to his throne. He was to fly from Paris to London, and had a place reserved in the doomed plane - but, because of a cold, he cancelled at the last minute, and took a train instead.

The French airliner had motor trouble on the take-off, and crashed into a factory building, killing a workman on the ground, as it plunged.



The hero of the disaster was a French gendarme, who was having his glass of wine in a nearby cafe. He saw the plane crash, and jumped into action, calling two nearby workmen to help him, and dashing to the wreck. They had to wade through floods of gasoline pouring from broken tanks - an explosion threatening at any moment. Through a hole in the cabin, where a wing had torn off, they got out six people - before the gasoline caught fire, and everything became a mass of ~~fx~~ flames.

In this moment of horror and terror, there was a curious human touch ■■ as the flames roared down upon them, the rescuers pulled out a woman, not badly injured. Saved by a split second, she had only one remark to make. She said: "I'm not too badly disfigured, am I?" Apparently she wasn't disfigured at all.

~~And now it's back to you!~~  
And now Nelson Case  
Will you take my place —  
here at the Mike.

## NOMINATIONS

*Taken from early broadcast.*

The political conventions in New York ~~were~~  
*ahead of time*  
dramatized <sup>^</sup> by the fight for the Republican  
Nomination for Senator. There had been a lot of  
political fireworks, featuring the exuberant  
*an able and magnetic leader* —  
personality of wild Bill Donovan, <sup>^</sup> war-time head of  
the office of Strategic Services, ~~that~~ <sup>^</sup> cloak and  
dagger outfit of melodramatic fame.

Today at Saratoga Wild Bill ended his  
campaign by turning the convention into a wild  
demonstration for Ives. He withdrew his <sup>own</sup> name, and ~~his~~  
*graceful withdrawal*  
~~that~~ <sup>^</sup> was immediately followed by the unanimous  
nomination of Irving M. Ives, long prominent in  
political affairs of New York State, <sup>who now</sup> ~~he~~ goes into the  
race as the running mate of Governor Tom Dewey.

The nomination of Dewey, himself, was  
*typical convention*  
automatic. There was nothing to it, except the <sup>^</sup>uproar  
of enthusiasm, the wild stampede, which lasted for  
twenty-one minutes, ~~the~~ <sup>^</sup> snake dancing through the  
aisles, and *all the* ~~the other~~ <sup>^</sup> traditional high-jinks of an  
American political convention.

On the Democratic side, the Democrats holding their convention ~~xx~~ simultaneously, *And there* <sup>the</sup> nominations were a foregone conclusion -- no surprise - Mead for Governor, Lehman for Senator. The Democratic convention at Albany resounded with pledges to fight for the policies of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The New York political battle this year, Dewey and Ives versus Mead and Lehman, promises to be, in many respects, a tip-off <sup>on</sup> ~~of~~ the nationwide prospects of Republican and Democratic strength in the Presidential hurly-burly two years hence.