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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

In the U.N. today, the United States charged that American prisoners of-war were tortured and murdered - in Red attempts to obtain false confessions of germ warfare. The American delegate who made the accusation was Dr. Charles Mayo, world famous physician of the Mayo Clinic.

The statements of ten captured American flyers were presented at the U.N. - prisoners who survived the questioning, while others perished. Of the ten, eight yielded under the savage ordeal, and said what the Reds wanted them to say. All ten gave gruesome accounts of inhuman treatment.

KOREA

TP *Meanwhile* In Korea, U.S. Envoy Arthur Dean says - he believes the plans for a Korean Peace Conference can be worked out - in spite of the new deadlock. He hopes the Reds will compromise on the question of - neutral participation.

Yesterday, the negotiators had a session at Panmunjom, with Envoy Dean proposing - to take up the question of time and place for a peace conference. But the Communists argued that the first thing to discuss was - who'll sit in on the peace palaver? Renewing - their old contention that neutrals, like India, should have a place.

So ~~the~~ session got under way, and they were having another meeting today - with ^{diplomat} Dean expressing hope for a compromise.

On the prisoner-of-war front, the Neutral Repatriation Commission admits defeat - and is passing the deadlock on to the higher command, Communist and Allied. The Chairman of the Commission, Indian General Thimayya, says there's little chance that the program of "explanations"

will ever be resumed. No way to make the seven thousand, eight hundred North Koreans face the Red "explainers."

~~The general Communist response to the "obtain" rebellion.~~

~~But, anyway,~~ The Commission, completely baffled, is passing the buck on up to the higher authorities on both sides.

Meanwhile, there's one "explanation" that's causing surprise. Corporal Edward Dickenson of Big Stone Gap, Virginia, explaining why he refused repatriation at first - only to change his mind later. He says he stayed behind for the purpose of getting information to use against the Communists. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ "Exposing their lies to the world," in his own words.

The biggest lie would seem to have been a promise of high government position in Soviet America. "They said," declares Private Dickenson, "that the revolution would begin in about five years. The Communist Party in the United States would decide when the revolution would start. "

When the revolution in the U.S.A. succeeded, a high position in the Soviet Government in Washington would be given to the American prisoners-of-war who preferred Communism.

GREECE

Soviet Russia is protesting the presence of American troops in Greece. Saying - Greek territory is made into a base for "aggression" against the Soviet Union. The protest was handed to the Greek Ambassador in Moscow today.

FIELD MARSHAL

East Berlin announces that Field Marshal ^{von} Paulus
has been released from a Soviet prison, and will now take up
residence in East Germany. Where, it is believed, he will be
given a high position in the Communist regime.

Van Paulus, ^{is} the one-time Hitler Commander, who
surrendered at Stalingrad - and then went over to the
Communists - given a number one spot in Soviet propaganda.
Three weeks ago, we had the report that he had been sentenced
to twenty-five years in a Russian prison. Now that's confirmed,
^{but,} with ~~an~~ official word that his prison term has been cut short.

The rest of it sounds odd - that he'll be given
an important place in the government of Red Germany. ^{But it} ~~That~~
could be the way in the totalitarian world. In jail, out of
jail; out of high office and back in.

ITALY

A dispatch from Rome states that former Premier de Gasperi may have lost the Italian election in June because of - smears of lipstick. Which might sound scandalous for the aged and venerable de Gasperi. Who is known to be a devout family man. So how come the lipstick - as a way of losing the election?

Well, a special commission of the Italian Parliament has just handed in a report, following an examination of the ballots. A million of these were spoiled, and thrown out - as invalid. Half a million - because ladies licked envelopes containing their ballots, and got them smeared with lipstick. The Italian election law has a provision that any extraneous mark makes a ballot null and void. In Any sort of pencil mark, or smudge, and the smear of lipstick comes under that heading - according to the way ^{that extraordinary Italian} ~~the~~ law is drawn.

DeGasperi's Christian Democratic Party made a special appeal to women voters, and you can see what happened - when

half a million ballots with lipstick were thrown out.

De Gasperi needed only fifty-seven thousand more votes, and ^{then} he would have won sixty-four per cent of the seats in Parliament - according to Italian election law.

Hence the report of the parliamentary commission, that the Lipstick ^{may have} cost the Premier the election.


Well, many a man has been embarrassed by smudges of red. ~~Ma~~ But mighty few have been hit so badly as the virtuous de Gasperi. The smear of lipstick - causing the fall of a government ^{— mere lipstick} ~~and~~ changing the fate of a nation.

ATOMIC

Great Britain has exploded a second atomic weapon in the remote spaces of Australia. So announced in London today. This is the third atomic explosion in the Land Down Under. The first - a year ago. The second - on October Fifteenth. Now, number three - on the Woomara rocket range, in the empty desert in North Australia. - The Never Never Land.

Substitute ISRAEL

The State Department says that aid to Israel will be resumed, when the question of the Jordan Valley has been settled. This - according to Harold Riegelman, Republican Candidate for Mayor of New York, who appealed to Secretary of State Dulles in behalf of Israel. He quotes the Secretary as explaining that the suspension of economic aid was not provoked by an Israeli raid on Arab villages. But - was in accordance with a decision by the UN, ~~Requiring~~ the Jewish State - to halt the Jordan Valley project, until a settlement has been made with Syria.



SECRETARY

Secretary Benson faced the cattlemen today, and they were in a rambunctious mood - that invasion of three hundred and fifty stock raisers from the West - the eight busloads that arrived in Washington. They held an indignation meeting of their own, and then the Secretary of Agriculture faced them in an auditorium of the Agriculture Department. "e said his mind si "still open" on the question of price supports for cattle, which they demand.

That "open mind" statement got a cheer. Then the Westerners in the wide-brimmed Stetsons named a committee of twelve to confer with Secretary Benson, tomorrow or Wednesday - to present specific recommendations for government action.

WEATHER

Houston, Texas, had a blast of weather today - an eighty mile an hour wind ripping down small buildings, smashing store windows, and felling trees. All - to the accompaniment of violent thunder and lightning.

No, it wasn't a tornado, nor was it a hurricane. Just a common storm.- but, it sure blew!

In Virginia, a huge forest fire was brought under control today - after a weekend sweep that burned out three thousand acres of timberland in Roanoke County.

KIDNAPPING

The detective who broke the Greenlease kidnap case now says - he'll testify before ~~the~~^a Federal Grand Jury. Previously, he had refused - because he did not want to disclose the names of informers who helped him catch the kidnapers. It isn't clear, now, that he'll name names. He says he'll make up his mind about that.

This is the latest in the strange twister that has come out of the atrocity of kidnapping and the murder of a child. Police Lieutenant Louis Shoulders of St. Louis was the hero in the detection of the confessed criminals, Carl Hall and Mrs. Bonnie Ready.

But then, there was a new mystery. Only half of the six hundred thousand dollars in ransom money was recovered. What happened to the other three hundred thousand? The police and F.B.I. have been trying to find out. The St. Louis Globe Democrat today started publishing the serial numbers of the huge stack of ten and twenty dollar bills.

On Saturday, Lieutenant Shoulders resigned from the St. Louis police force. Saying bitterly - that he was being maligned. Which is followed by another surprise. At the time the kidnap mystery was solved, the word was that he had gotten the tip from a taxi driver. Then yesterday, he revealed that there was a second source of information - another tipster.

ELEPHANT

At Prichard, Alabama, J.T. Taylor is the kind of husband who doesn't pay too much attention, when the wife gets alarmed about something. So, last night, he was a little impatient when she woke him up and said - "Something is moving around in the front yard."

"Aw, go back to sleep, you're dreaming," said J.T. Taylor.

Then, the house shook.

Hubby went to the front door, looked out - and saw an elephant. *Not pink! "J.T." hadn't been drinking. Yes sivee, there was that* ponderous pachyderm ~~was~~ leaning against the ~~front~~ front porch, shaking the house. *In fact it* ~~and~~ was taking a drink, having been able, somehow, to turn on a hydrant.

Mr. Taylor phoned the police, telling them about the elephant.

So they said: "Aw, go back to sleep, you're dreaming."

He was finally able to convince them, and it was found that the pachyderm had strayed away from a circus.

AUTOMOBILE

Ship captains on the Irish Sea have been warned - don't be surprised, if you see an automobile driving across the water from Ireland to Wales. Just the debut of the sea-going auto.

A Frenchman and an Englishman, in Dublin, have rigged up an old ~~Austin~~ sedan for the voyage. Equipping it - with floats and paddles. The paddles - attached to the rear wheels of the car. They'll just climb in, step on the gas, and the wheels will paddle them out onto the briny deep.

So, if all goes well, a surprising sight will be seen - two men driving an automobile across the Irish Sea, from Ireland to Wales.

That's one item of news in the world of motordom - and here's another from Albany, Georgia. At ~~the~~ Turner Air Base, the last of the International Races was held yesterday. The previous competitions were at Watkins Glen and Indianapolis.

The result? Same as before. The Excalibur took

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the first place in its class. Second place - also taken by the Excalibur. Which is a combination of Henry J. and Willys. A Henry J. chassis, powered with a Willys engine. That combination won out against a pick of racing cars from abroad.

So here's to Excalibur. Also, Mike - here's to that fantastic idea of driving a car across the Irish Sea!