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France announces a proposal that may be an historic landmark - a plan to go into economic partnership with Western Germany. So stated by French Foreign Minister Schuman, in a diplomatic note to the United States, Great Britain and other Western democracies. France and Western Germany to pool their industrial resources - as the central feature for taking Germany into an economic union of Western Europe.

The French suggestion concentrates on those all-important factors - coal and steel. One of the great facts of European life is - that rich coal mines and iron mines are found on both sides of the Franco-German boundary - which has been a basic cause of conflict between the two countries. France is always afraid of German steel production - as the sinews of German military power. So now France proposes a pool of production, and a joint marketing of coal and steel - with other countries of Western Europe as customers. Foreign

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Minister Schuman thinks that such a partnership would make any future war between France and Germany in his words:- "not only unthinkable, but impossible."

This provides the big new idea for the Conference of the Foreign Ministers of the Big Three - with a promise of historic achievement.

## PRIVATEER

Late news tonight brings a verdict on the fate of the Privateer and its crew of ten. The Navy Department announces the result of a study of wreckage found in the Baltic Sea, two life-rafts, and a wheel assembly. These, definitely, belonged to the unarmed patrol plane, which our government declares the Soviets shot down over open sea.

The two rafts were burned into what is called "a folding condition." Which, together with the condition of the wheel, indicates that the Privateer blew up - either in the air, or upon striking the water. All aboard must have perished - according to tonight's report, based on the examination of the wreckage.



## REORGANIZATION

President Truman proposes what tonight's Washington dispatch calls - "a virtual war-planning czar." He suggests that amount of authority for Stuart Symington, former Secretary of the Air Force, who is now the Chairman of the National Security Resources Board. That Board is in charge of preparing the nation, with all its industry, to face a possible emergency of war.

President Truman speaks of what he calls "difficulties of board operation." And there have been reports of dissension among the members. So now he proposes to increase the authority of the Chairman - Stuart Symington. Making him, what the dispatch calls - "virtual war-planning czar."



## ATOMIC

Latest opinion on the hydrogen bomb - a statement made today by Sumner Pike, Acting Chairman of the Atomic Energy Committee. He says the H-bomb is - "in the lap of the gods." Meaning, in his words - "something between probable and possible." He said that the effort to build a ~~superbomb~~ super-atomic weapon is in full swing, but there's no telling yet if an H-bomb will work. "The answer," says the Acting Atomic Chairman, "will come when one goes bang, or doesn't go bang."

Sumner Pike discloses likewise that work on an atomic driven submarine, is going ahead at ~~what is called~~ "full speed." They are concentrating on a vessel of war for the first demonstration of the atom as a source of power - but point out that an atomic engine will be a long step toward atomic power for peaceful industry.

OPPENHEIMER

Top ranking atomic scientist Dr. Robert Oppenheimer denies that he ever attended a closed Communist meeting - and adds that he has never made it a secret that he has associated with many left wingers in the past. This - in reply to a statement in California, where a witness testitfies that he had seen the scientist, so prominint in attomic bomb affairs, at a communist meeting.

## STRIKE

It looks as if that railroad strike will happen - called for six A.M., local time, in twenty-six states, largely the Middlewest. Two weeks ago, the Union delayed the walkout, but no agreement has been reached, and the new strike deadline is at hand.

The trouble affects the Pennsylvania Railroad west of Harrisburg, the New York Central west of Buffalo, all of the Santa Fe. and the southern railroads - not to mention several other lines - and tonight ~~these railroads~~ are cutting down service, in anticipation of the strike. <sup>P</sup> The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen is pressing the demand, which has been discussed frequently in the news - the demand for an extra fireman on multiple Diesel engines, Diesels with more than one unit. The Union argues that the second fireman is needed - for safety. The Companies reply - "featherbedding." They say the additional fireman is unnecessary - and would impose on the railroads of the nation a needless expense of forty million dollars a year.




## FLOODS

In southeast Nebraska, floods. Seven lives lost, - ten missing, as flash floods brought a sudden rush of the deluge.

Last night, the sky opened, and seven and a half inches of water fell - a torrent of rain that sent streams over their banks. A Burlington bus overwhelmed - one woman passenger, a nurse, floating five miles, as she clung to the trunk of a tree. Three other passengers saved - four missing. At North Auburn, Nebraska, 5 are missing - after an automobile disappeared in the flood of a river. In the town of Dunbar, two children swept from the arms of their parents, as the deluge struck them.

Similar scenes - at Canadian Winnipeg. There, the flood waters of the Red River are seeping through three dykes - the last that remain, after other dykes collapsed. The warning is 'hat a new break-through may happen at any time, ~~with~~



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with a wall of water twelve feet high rushing upon Winnipeg.

Already, some six thousand citizens have been washed out of their houses - a total of twelve thousand, when the homeless in the surrounding country are counted.



## FOLLOW FLOODS

The latest -- Winnipeg cut in two. The flood from the river has isolated the center of the city from its eastern suburbs.



## CANADIAN FIRE

Canadian Quebec is having bad luck with fires - a devastating blaze today sweeping the town of Cabano. Which place is sixty-five miles from Rimouski, which was wiped out by a monster conflagration over the weekend.

Today at Rimouski, army patrols were strengthened - to stop looting, the prowling of ghouls who go seeking for plunder through acres of burned-out commercial buildings and homes. While at Cabano, sixty-five miles away - a similar fire was destroying three hotels, two lumber yards, and forty homes. Flames, blown by a high wind, still sweeping on - <sup>with</sup> the remainder of the people evacuated <sup>ing</sup> from their homes.

## PRINCESS

Princess Elizabeth had an adventure today - the heiress to the crown in the peril of the sky. She has been at Malta, for a three-week stay with her husband, Prince Philip - before returning to London for the birth of the baby she is expecting. Prince Phillip is remaining at Malta, on duty as a naval officer - and today the Princess took a plane, which went winging into the Mediterranean sky.

But, as they reached the coast of France, they ran into violent weather - a tremendous electrical storm. Clouds of the tempest, with streaks of blinding lightning and a deafening roar of thunder - so bad, the pilot thought it dangerous to fly on. So he sought a place to land, and picked the airport at the harbor of Nice - where the plane came down safely.

The Princess took it all with a smile, saying it was - "amusing".

## PRINCESS

The Princess of Persia will be married to her California bridegroom with a Mohammedan ceremony -- after all. The religious head of the Moslems in Paris refused to perform the ritual--on the ground that William Hillyer, while becoming a Mohammedan, was doing so merely for the purpose of wedding Princess Fatima. So who will perform the Moslem marriage? That is the interesting part of it. The Aga Khan, fabulous head of <sup>the</sup> Ismaili, ~~the~~ sect of Islam, whose son Prince Ali, married Rita Hayworth in that spectacular affair months ago. They are broadminded in matrimonial matters -- so the Aga Khan will oblige Princess Fatima of Persia and her <sup>California</sup> bridegroom.



## ALCOHOLISM

Medical science states flatly -- that a cure for alcoholism has been found. So announced tonight by Dr James J Smith, Director of Research on Alcoholism at Bellevue Medical Centre, New York.

The theory is that alcoholism is a result of unbalanced hormones -- particularly those of the pituitary gland. Which disbalance can be remedied by treatment with various hormones -- some exceedingly scarce, however. The cure is said to be complete. "The craving for alcohol disappears," says the doctor.

Moreover, the same medicine also remedies -- hangover. Which can be abolished quickly by injections of hormone.

## SPECTACLES

If you're one of those many people who hate bifocals, here's the bad news - trifocals. This is the latest contribution to the discomfort of spectacles, a new invention announced by Dr. James Grout, President of the Northern Illinois College of Optometry. He says that bifocals are unsatisfactory for many - and he's not kidding. ~~You know how,~~ Trying to shift from one lens to the other, *many a person thinks he* ~~you think you're~~ seeing double. So, to make matters worse, the doctor comes out with something to make you see triple - trifocals!

DATE

We now arrive at - two twenty Maple Street. *at*

Burlington, Vermont, Joe Whitestone, forty-two years old, tried to make a date with a waitress in a restaurant, and she smiled sweetly and said - Yes. As she pushed a plate of hash, she whispered: "Meet me at two twenty Maple Street."

Well, you know how it is - Joe perked up, fixed his tie - and, in due time strolled around to two twenty Maple Street. There he found - the sheriff. Two twenty Maple Street being - the county jail.

Joe didn't like that, as who would? In fact, it made him mad. And he went back to the restaurant to find out where he could get hold of that waitress. He kicked up such a rumpus that tonight he's serving a five-day sentence at Two Twenty Maple Street.



FIG

If you happen to be a Princeton man, you may be the owner of a greased pig in the dog-pond. But, if you go to the dog-pond to claim the greased pig, they won't hail you with the welcoming strains of "Old Nassau."

At a theatre in the college town last night, they were giving a performance of a play called \_ "My Foolish Heart."

Sounds like mine. But it was even more foolish than that. Because, at a sentimental moment of the drama, somebody let in a greased pig - which went charging through the audience. You can imagine what that did to - "My Foolish Heart." To have a pig in the romance was bad enough - ~~but~~ when they tried to capture the beast, it slipped through their hands, the way a greased pig always does. The audience howled, and the actors forgot their lines, until the slippery pursuit was finally successful - and they put the greased pig in the dog-pond.

Some Princeton student is <sup>suspected</sup> ~~suspected~~ some academic jokster with a misplaced sense of <sup>humor-</sup> ~~humor-~~ - his foolish brain.

THEFT

At New Bedford, Massachusetts - burglars, breaking into a sumptuous mansion, stole a suit of clothes. They took nothing else, but <sup>(these were)</sup> coat, vest and trousers. But ~~the suit~~ made of money - literally, the suit of clothes tailored of bills, ones, fives, tens. Also - a crown made of money - about five thousand dollars in all.

The place of this remarkable robbery was the residence of the negro Bishop, Charles Grace, head of a religious cult. He returned recently from a trip to Europe, and his twenty thousand followers <sup>(acclaimed)</sup> ~~presented~~ him - by presenting ~~the suit~~ that suit and crown, made of bills pinned together. It must have been quite a sight - to see the Bishop all dressed up in money, and crowned with cash.

But maybe now a burglar will be wearing that financial apparel. So, call a <sup>cop Nelson -</sup> ~~police~~ - if you see a walking bank on a stroll down the street.

BOY

Port Huron, Michigan, was a city of prayer today - as its forty thousand inhabitants joined in supplications for the safety of a two-and-a-half year old boy who disappeared a week ago. Little Brian Marshall was playing at his home, when he vanished - and a widespread, intensive search has failed to find any sign of him. They've been dragging the river near his home, and hunting for possible abductors, on the supposition that he may have been kidnapped.

Today at Port Huron, work paused in factories, ministers opened their churches, and the Mayor proclaimed - an hour of prayer.



BING CROSBY

Mrs. Bing Crosby says - ~~it~~ she doesn't know how those rumors got started. "There's no separation," says she, "and we don't plan any. "I am very disturbed and upset over these stories," she declares, and adds: "We haven't even quarreled."

Bing Crosby and his wife have long been married -   
*with* ~~have~~ four sons, ~~and are regarded as an example of steady,~~   
~~family life. But the~~ Reports came out that they were breaking up - separation or divorce.

Which Bing, traveling in Europe, denies - and his wife says today that the best guess she could make is that the rumor factory started all because she and Bing made some arrangements with attorneys. But that, she says, ~~was~~ merely a trust fund, putting away money for their four sons.