

NIGHT SHOW
August 12, 1948.

BERLIN

In Berlin tonight the Russian military police used what they called a raid on black market operators as a pretext to invade the American and British sectors of the city. The Russian troops arrived in armored cars and swarmed into several apartment houses.

The German local police of the western zone immediately called British and American military police. A British police officer told the Russians to get out of his territory and they quit -- in a hurry. When our military police arrived, all the Soviets were back in their own zone; and the Soviet Berlin radio was already broadcasting that the Americans had invaded the Russian sector of the city.

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MOLOTOV

In Moscow, the diplomats of the Western powers paid a three-hour visit to the Kremlin today -- another session with Molotov. Today's meeting was the sixth of a series of which our Ambassador Bedell doesn't think will be the last. "We had a pleasant talk," he said. And that was all. (~~Not even a whisper from that usually communicative "official spokesman in London."~~)

KOREA

Uncle Sam has struck a new blow in the cold war -- in the Far East this time. (The United States today gave diplomatic recognition to the new government of Korea, which the Russians are boycotting.)

Washington announces tonight that (the United States considers the Korean Government in Seoul as the government of all Korea -- including the northern Russian zone.) To underscore the State Department's stand, President Truman has appointed John J. Mucio of Rhode Island as Special Representative to Korea, with the rank of special Presidential Ambassador.

State Department officials say this amounts to diplomatic recognition. With formal recognition to be ~~made~~ made at the U.N. General Assembly in Paris next month, after the U.N. Commission on Korea makes its report.

News from Seoul tells of the Soviets preparing to hold their own elections in Northern Korea. And then set up a rival government to present to the General Assembly of the United Nations. The government which we

recognize was formed after the May election -- the election sponsored by the United Nations. But the Reds insist it is illegal, and unconstitutional.

The Big Powers will fight this out before the General Assembly, in Paris, in September. Meanwhile, we are leaving no doubt as to which side we are on.

AIR RESCUE

From Sydney, Nova Scotia, comes the story of how fourteen were saved from a burning airliner by a quick-thinking stewardess and purser.

On the take-off, the big plane just touched a ridge or mound, ripped open a gasoline tank, and crashed. As one wing burst into flames, the stewardess, Rita Myers, lined up her eleven passengers. There was no time to use a landing ramp. Purser Jack Triggs jumped out, and then the stewardess pushed the passengers through the door. One by one the purser caught them -- to break the fall. Several times he went down. But he bounced up each time -- until all the passengers and the four crew men were safe. By which time the airliner was blazing furiously.

The last to jump was the Stewardess Myers, as the flames scorched her hair.

BABE RUTH

Good news from New York Memorial Hospital.

A report that Babe Ruth has rallied again. And is holding his own.

The Babe is still in there, fighting -- not yet ready for the Number One Umpire to call him out.

YOUNG NURSE

At Atlanta, Georgia, America's youngest hospital nurse is on duty -- a regular shift. She is fulfilling a lifetime ambition to become a hospital nurse.

The seven year old Linda Jane Blanchard says she always wanted to be a nurse. So when Tommy, her six year old brother, was taken to Emory University Hospital, with a serious complaint, Linda Jane applied for the job as his night nurse. The hospital doctors having said that one of Tommy's parents should stay with him each night. The parents tried, but they found the going too hard for them. At which Linda volunteered as night nurse.

As you can imagine, the child's application worried the hospital authorities. Seven years old is a little young for a hospital night nurse. There wasn't any precedent for such a thing. Finally, however, they tossed aside the book of rules, and Linda Jane took over. -- ~~a Lilliputian Florence Barton.~~ She's doing a twenty-four hour shift.

Daytimes she keeps Brother Tommy company, reading the

comics, helping him with his meals; and calling the nurses when he needs grown-up attention. Six o'clock at night, time for the sandman, Linda pulls out a cot from under Tommy's bed and sleeps by his side, with one eye open, she says.

Tommy, we are told, is doing well -- beating his mysterious illness. He's mighty proud of his nurse. He says she's the "prettiest in the hospital." ~~And she's awfully generous -- a real good sport.~~

Linda ^{Jane,} ~~she,~~ we hear, feels she can afford to be generous. ~~Why?~~ Her father is paying her a salary of two dollars a day; ^{which she} ~~so much money that the seven year old angel of mercy is splitting it with her patient.~~

MOUNT RANIER

We have all been told how we should not make a mountain out of ~~an~~ a molehill. Well today four men announce that they are going to do just that -- in a big way.

They say they are going to make Mount Ranier the second highest peak on this continent - instead of fourth. The molehill to be twenty-four feet high, a cairn of rocks, atop the lip of the crater of Mount Ranier, to restore some of its former dignity.

A few million years ago, according to Alpinist Dr. C. A. Mittun, Mount Ranier was America's tallest peak. Until it blew its top -- a volcanic eruption. This gave it fourth place among American mountains. Topped now by Mount Whitney, Mount Elbert, and Mount Massive.

So he and three other mountaineers are on their way, toiling upwards across the glaciers

to the summit of Mount Ranier. To put their molehill
of ~~xxx~~ stones on top of the mighty mountain.

And now Nelson - what
retorical heights are you about
to scale?

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In Berlin, the arrival of Russian troops is causing a minor boom in military clothing, with factories working overtime, orders piling up, manufacturers short of materials.

A British report tells of the Reds trying to place Communists in all key civilian positions in Berlin.

German police in the Soviet zone staged two spectacular black market raids today. Thousands of Germans arrested and searched -- hundreds taken off to prison.