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(In London and Paris today simultaneous announcement was made - that Britain and France had concluded a treaty of alliance for fifty years.)

Foreign Secretary Bevin stated this to the ~~House~~ House of Commons, while in Paris the National Assembly was informed by Foreign Minister Bidault. In both London and Paris the news was received with cheers.

This is, of course that same Franco-British alliance, ^{the} negotiations for which have been going on for some time. There is one difference, though. The original proposal was for a twenty year alliance; but, that factor of time was changed. The pact announced today is for fifty years.

CHIANG KAI SHEK

(The ~~end of the~~ hope for peace in China came to a formal end today - civil war now an open and acknowledged thing. The government of Chiang Kai Shek ordered the Chinese Communist delegation to leave Nanking.) Hitherto, for months, the Red representatives have remained in the Chinese national capitol - to which they had come when moves were being made to negotiate a settlement. The negotiations dwindled away to nothing, but still they stayed on - until now. Chiang Kai Shek's order to the Red delegation was curt and uncompromising - telling the Communists to get out of Nanking before next Wednesday.

(So that marks the final end of an attempt for a settlement - the civil war now is the only thing.) The word from Nanking is ^{that} the dismissal of the Red delegation ~~and~~ means, probably, that Chiang Kai Shek's army will begin a full scale attack on the Communist capitol of Yenan.

SOONG

The Premier of the Nationalist government of China has just resigned -- the famous T.V. Soong, brother of Madame Chiang Kai Shek. That is, his position corresponds to that of Premier in other countries.

T. V. Soong was appointed to his post by the Generalissimo in Nineteen Forty four. The Legislative Yuan repeatedly has asked him to appear and explain ~~was~~ certain of his policies. But, he never did so. That is, he never did until this morning when he appeared and told about his resignation which he said already ~~had~~ had been accepted by Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek.

Former President Hoover testified before a congressional committee today, and spoke in favor of appropriating three-hundred-and-fifty million dollars for food relief abroad -- the sum that President Truman has proposed to Congress. Herbert Hoover said the money was needed to alleviate a desperate food situation abroad. This was in line with a report that he ~~has~~ had made to President Truman, at whose ~~request~~ request ~~he~~ the seventy-one old ex-President ~~had~~ made a flying trip through Europe. His picture of food conditions in Germany are ~~so~~ grim indeed -- the worst in a couple of centuries, says Herbert Hoover.

He argues that money invested in keeping the German people from absolute starvation will mean money saved, a reduction of the costs of the American occupation over there. Because ~~if there were~~ mass starvation, ~~it~~ would greatly increase the expense of controlling a desperate ~~and~~ population.

But former President Hoover by no means advocates the tossing of our American wealth hither and ^{yon.} ~~hither~~. He told the congressional committee that, in the sending of relief, it was, in the words of Herbert Hoover -- "not only in the interest of ourselves, but of the whole world, that we stop, look and listen". ^R Furthermore, ^{he} ~~it~~ suggested that money invested in ^{German} food relief ~~xxxx~~ should be paid back by the German people -- promptly, [^] payments beginning within two or three years. "Any nation receiving ^{(food relief"} ~~xxxxxxx~~ ⁾ said the former President, "should obligate itself to pay the cost thereof".

GERMANY

Our new commander in Germany, General Lucius Clay has ^(answered) ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ a Soviet charge on the subject of monopolies. Moscow has entered an accusation to the effect that American firms were forming monopolies in occupied Germany. ^{TP} General Clay admits that ~~MM~~ there is one monopoly -- a big one. He says it is the Soviet A. G. Corporation, which monopolizes about everything the Soviets can control in an economic way. In Russia, of course, everything is monopoly.

PORTAL PAY

The lower house of congress has passed the bill to outlaw portal to portal pay - ~~putting~~^{putting} an end to nearly six billion dollars in portal pay suits.

This now goes to the senate, which has already passed ~~its own~~^{its own} anti-portal bill - though somewhat milder.

POLL

(The Presidential campaign is still a year away, but already political surveys are being made to give a glimpse in advance of how the voters feel about the prospects in Nineteen Forty eight. The Magazine Fortune has just conducted a poll, the result revealed today -- a result that shows that more than three-fourths of the people of the United States, seventy-seven percent, believe that a Republican President will be elected.

The survey goes on to examine public opinion concerning the various Republican possibilities. And out in the lead we see -- can you guess? -- Governor Dewey of New York.) The list reads in the order of public favor -- Governor Dewey, Senator Vandenberg of Michigan, Harold Stassen of Minnesota, Senator Bricker of Ohio; and Senator Taft of that same state.

The way the survey measures the standing of those Republicans is to pit them against President Truman -- who, it may be assumed, will be the

Democratic Candidate. As between the President and the New York Governor, fifty percent of the voters thought ~~that~~ Dewey would win -- twenty-eight percent in favor of Truman. The remaining twenty-two percent expressed no opinion. Forty-two percent thought that Vandenberg would be elected against the President -- twenty-seven for Truman. Stassen leads Truman forty to twenty-four; Bricker -- thirty-nine to twenty eight; Taft -- thirty-five to thirty-one. ^{TR} Yes, it is early to do any presidential prognosticating -- but in this highly ~~■~~ political country we ballot-minded Americans are always looking forward to that Presidential world series every four years.

T.V.A.

The Senate Committee has turned down the nomination of Gordon ~~W~~ Clapp as chairman of the Tennessee Valley Authority. Clapp was named by President Truman to succeed David Lillienthal whose nomination as chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission is being so bitterly opposed. ~~The committee vote~~ against Gordon Clapp is a heavy blow to his nomination as chairman of the T.V.A. - though the democrats in the senate say they will put up a fight to reverse the senate action and okey Clapp's nomination.

Gordon Clapp, like Lillienthal is under ~~bitter~~ attack ^{by} ~~but~~ senator McKeller of Tennessee ~~whom~~ who charges communism. A member of the committee says, however, that in the vote today little consideration was given to the charges of communist sympathies against either Clapp or Lillienthal. ~~or~~ The opposition ^{was} on the score of "new dealism". And he predicted that the senate would turn down both Clapp and Lillienthal.

TAXES

In Washington the Bureau of Internal Revenue has issued an itemized account of tax money received, ~~the~~ government income from all sorts of taxes. The largest item on the list is income tax withheld from payroll. You know, that deduction each week from your wages. How much do you think the total is?

P Well, when all those wage deductions are added up, they come to the sum of nine-billion-one-hundred-forty-seven million dollars - that much from income tax withheld from payroll. That's more than any other single item, corporation taxes, excise taxes and whatnot. The withholding item comes to nearly one-quarter of ^{our} entire government revenue.

BLACK MARKET

In the investigation of the black market in sugar, a well known name appears, -- Capone. No, not Scarfaced Al, who died recently, but his brother. Word all along has been that the old Capone crime Syndicate ~~in Chicago~~ was head over heels in the nationwide black market in sugar, and tonight federal authorities in Chicago mention Ralph "Bottles" Capone as the top man. A federal source puts it this way: "All information leads us to believe that Ralph "Bottles" Capone is the leader of this sugar ~~■~~ racket".

UTAH -- Light Opera

They have a number of ideas out here in Utah that the rest of the country might well copy. For instance, ~~the~~ ^{based on the life} light opera, Franz Schubert's "Blossom Time", with an orchestra and cast of forty -- ~~is being sent~~ on a state-wide tour -- a tour that will last a year. The ~~principals,~~ ^{principals,} ~~are all~~ professionals. The chorus and minor ~~roles,~~ ^{roles,} ~~are~~ handled by amateurs. ~~To illustrate out this has caught on~~ ^{For instance} in the town of Morgan, Utah, which has a population of one ~~thousand~~ thousand, there is a hall that holds five hundred. Two performances ~~have been~~ booked in Morgan, ~~and~~ both have already been sold out.

The Utah Centennial Barn Yard Circuit ~~is what~~ they are calling it.

WRECK

Later accounts today of the strange railroad accident in Pennsylvania give all praise to a negro Pullman porter -- who died a hero. ~~after~~ ^{brave} playing a ~~brief~~ part in saving the lives of passengers -- ~~he, himself, was killed in a final attempt to~~ avert disaster.

The crack passenger train, running from New York to the Southwest, rolled along up the steep grades and around hairpin turns in the Alleghenys, and climbed the tracks up Cresson Mountain. It took two locomotives to make that grade -- and, at the top, the train stopped to remove the extra engine.

With the train at a stand-still, an astounding thing happened. The rear car, a Pullman, started to move backward, rolling down the slope. What happened is still a mystery --- but, two things happened. Somehow, as the train stopped, that last ~~car~~ ^{became} uncoupled -- something wrong with the coupling mechanism.) ~~That should not have mattered so much,~~ ~~because~~ The uncoupling should have set the air

brakes, automatically. But something was wrong with the air brakes. So the Pullman rolled down the steep grade, unchecked ~~and~~ ^{and} picking up speed as it rolled down the slope of Cresson Mountain.

Inside, were ten passengers, the Pullman porter, and a flagman. The two trainmen understood what had happened, and immediately went into action -- Pullman porter L. Keys of Houston, Texas, and flagman Edward Mulvihill of Pittsburgh. They aroused the ten passengers, and told them the safest thing to do -- lie flat on the floor of the corridor of the Pullman. The passengers, ^{say} ~~rather when were injured declare that~~ this was the most important thing in saving their lives. ~~They were~~ lying flat on the floor, waiting for anything that ~~■~~ might happen -- as the loose Pullman raced down the curve!

One passenger said today: "It was the longest five minutes of my life". You can imagine the wild anxiety -- waiting for something to hit. The passengers lay ~~xxx~~ trembling, and women prayed

aloud -- the porter and the flagman doing what they could to calm them.

The loose Pullman in its wild careening ride raced past Bennington curve where ten days ago a passenger express was wrecked in a disaster that took twenty-four lives. The car ran for three-and-a-half miles, until finally it hit curve one-hundred and-nine -- going at such speed that it jumped the tracks. The Pullman lurched wildly, and ran into the side of the mountain.

At that moment, Pullman porter Keys was making ^a frantic effort to work the emergency brake, and save the car. He was caught in the shattering wreckage, the only fatality. ^R The passengers, getting out, all of them injured more or less, ~~saw that~~ the wrecked car lay across adjacent tracks. So they gathered newspapers and lighted these as a flare to warn any other train that might be coming along, and keep it from ~~xx~~ crashing into the wrecked Pullman.

TRANSCONTINENTAL

In addition to that Betty-Jo flight-Hawaii to New York, another speedy flight was made today - trans-continental. Paul Mantz, the stunt flier and winner of last year's Bendix Race, flew from Burbank, California, to La Guardia, New York; breaking the record for single engine planes driven by propellor -- making the non-stopper in little more than six hours.

However, the multiple-engine-plane-record is even less than that. A jet-propelled speedster has flown coast-to-coast in a little more than four hours.

PREACHER

From Los Angeles we have a story of how a minister of the gospel went wrong. He fell from Grace, and yielded to the lure of temptation.

What kind of temptation? The answer to that was given today in a Los Angeles court, where his wife sued for a divorce. She testified that during more than sixteen years of married life, her husband had preached the gospel. He was dedicated to theology and the Bible all that time. So when did his fall from Grace begin? Why, when he discovered a system to beat the horses.

Thereafter the formerly devout preacher, dedicated himself to the race tracks and the bangtails. He forgot the Bible, forgot Solomon, David and Jezebel, forgot all about preaching, and thought only of placing bets and using that system of his to pick winners.

So finally his wife is suing for a divorce. P.S. the system didn't work, his system.

And now Nelson tell us about your system.

But first, a word about the Nationals -- the Down Hill race will be held at Ogden tomorrow -- etc.

BETTY JOE

The official time for Betty Jo, is fourteen hours, and-thirty-three minutes. ~~Lt. Colonel Thacker,~~ Betty Jo's pilot, thought he had made it in fourteen-hours-and-thirty-two minutes. So his calculations were a whole minute off in the time the Betty Jo took to make the five thousand mile non-stop flight from Hawaii to New York. It's no use talking about record breaking speed for that stupendous hop, because a non-stopper from Hawaii to New York had never been made before. The record lies in the fact that the Betty Jo made the longest non-stop flight ever achieved by a fighter-plane. Because that's what the Betty Jo is -- a new type of fighter, something new in the way of a plane designed to fight in air battles aloft.

~~What is~~ the point of the whole thing -- the sky voyage of the Betty Jo ^{was} intended to be a demonstration of long distance fighter flying, long range work such as ^{is} ~~to be~~ needed in actual air operations. The Betty Jo is a fighter type designed

to escort our newest long range bombers. One of the weaknesses of bombing attacks hitherto has been that fighters for escort haven't had enough ~~■~~ range -- unable to go as far as the bombers, unable to give the ~~■~~ bombers protection all the way. Hence the meaning of Betty Jo, whose immense voyage was no mere matter of record-breaking. [↑] The plane is a twin Mustang -- in effect two Mustang fighter planes joined together. Which gives Betty Jo a ~~■~~ peculiar ultra-modern look; -- and, some call her -- "the flying freak". Where does she get her name ~~of~~ Betty Jo? Well, that's the name of Colonel Thacker's wife -- the pilot naming his plane after the little woman at home.

The sky voyage ^{itself} was full of drama. Something went wrong. ~~and to most of us it might have seemed something deperately wrong.~~ Betty Jo carried a record breaking load of gasoline -- part of which was in spare tanks attache^d to the wings. The idea was to

use up the gas in the spare tanks first, and then drop the empty tanks into the sea. But something was out of gear with one of the tanks, and it couldn't be dropped. Which mishap slowed down the Betty Jo, made her use up more gas than scheduled; all of which produced the dramatics.

Last night and all this morning, the wires kept bringing reports about Betty Jo, giving her position crossing the Pacific, then arriving over the West Coast, next above the mountains, over the Mid-west, Michigan. It was a vicarious thrill to be at a news wire and ride along with the series of bulletins, feeling that the adventurers of the ski are getting nearer and nearer their goal.

Then, there was a sudden let-down-- they wouldn't be able to make it -- couldn't get to New York. The news wire said Betty Jo would probably have to land in Pennsylvania, not enough gas. But that let down was soon picked up -- the Betty Jo would keep going. This afternoon, Colonel Thacker gave the credit to his

co-pilot, Lt. John Ard of Inglewood, California.

At the time they thought they'd have to land, they checked their gas again. It still looked mighty dubious, but, Lt. Ard said: - "Colonel we can make it."

So they did -- although it was mighty close figuring. Their gas supply so low that they had to call for an "emergency landing" at New York's LaGuardia Field. That is, they didn't have enough gas to circle for a landing, had to come straight in. So LaGuardia was cleared of all other planes and in came Betty Jo -- for a perfect landing.

And on the field, Betty Jo was waiting, the Colonel's wife, after whom the plane was named.