

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

In the Korean truce talks, the Allied negotiators are trying to find out what the Reds mean by - "inspection." Today the Communist emissaries came through with an answer to one question - what countries had they in mind as neutrals, in the forming of "inspection" teams? They named - Poland, Czechoslovakia, Sweden, Denmark, and Switzerland. That is, two Communist and three non-Communist countries.

But what would the inspection teams do? The Red proposal said - look things over at "ports of entry." But what would that mean? Merely seaports - where they'd inspect the docks? Or would it include entrance across the Yalu River from Red Manchuria to North Korea? And - airports, where troops and armament might be landed?

Those questions were hammered at the Red negotiators today, but they evaded, just palavered - no answer.

This, together with other ambiguous features of the enemy proposal, caused General Ridgway's Headquarters to call it - "a masterpiece of double talk."

KOREA - WAR

In the sky - another jet victory for American planes. But - the U N forces are looking uneasily at those continued air battles. Our jet planes are doing all right, with a score today of ten to zero. Five enemy jets destroyed, five damaged - by American planes. But our planes again were vastly outnumbered. That causes the uneasiness - the continued outnumbering. The Reds showing up with so many planes.

Today they had some two-hundred-and-thirty in the Korean sky, and today's battle was fought by only twenty-nine of our sabre jets against eight M I G's. All of which means an increasing challenge to the U N supremacy in the air. Or do we have air supremacy?

RED EXTORTION

Word has come that a Roman Catholic Bishop in China has been tortured by the Reds -- who demanded extortion money from the religious order to which the Bishop belonged. The information comes from the American Maryknoll Missionary Society. The Bishop, in the words of the Society -- "was forced to communicate with our Hongkong representatives, saying that the local Communist officials were demanding money and subjecting him to torture. (The first demand was for forty thousand dollars. Later reduced to -- twenty-two thousand," says the statement.)

No money was paid -- since blackmail only leads to more blackmail.

(This ties in with repeated stories of late -- how the Chinese Reds have been trying to extort money out of Chinese in this country -- by threatening their families in China with torture or death.)

FLYERS

The United States has handed a protest to Communist Hungary - denouncing the seizure of four American airmen, whose plane was forced down behind the Iron Curtain. Red charges that the flyers were on a mission of inciting sabotage are ~~are~~ ridiculed, and their release demanded.

RUMANIA

Red Rumania comes forward with a voluminous blurt of charges against the United States. The Reds accuse nineteen Americans of espionage. Most of ~~them~~ ^{(then} ~~was~~ at one time connected with the U.S. Legation at Bucharest. Mark Ethredge, publisher of the Louisville Courier, Journal and Times ^{is} ~~was~~ named -- he made a trip to the Balkans for the State Department in war time, 1945. In addition, this country is accused of "economic black-mail" against Red Rumania. In Washington, the State Department says the charges will be promptly rejected.)

ARCHBISHOP

In Yugoslavia, Archbishop Stepinac ^{out of} ~~was released from~~
prison ^{at last,} today. This was ^{forecast} ~~predicted~~ for some time - the government
of Marshal Tito, which is Communist, but anti-Soviet,
suspending the remainder of the sentence against the Roman
Catholic prelate sentenced to sixteen years in prison, five
years ago.

Archbishop Stepinac was the first of a series of
churchmen to be imprisoned by Red regimes. Now he is free,
but forbidden to resume his former duties as the chief
Roman Catholic ecclesiastic of ~~Serbia~~ Yugoslavia.

INTERNAL REVENUE

(The chief counsel of the Bureau of Internal Revenue resigned today - Charles Oliphant, named yesterday in testimony given by Chicago Lawyer Teitelbaum, one-time attorney for Scarface Al Capone. Teitelbaum included the chief counsel of the Tax Bureau in a "clique" mentioned by Frank Nathan, who, according to Teitelbaum, tried to shake him down for half a million dollars. Oliphant resigns with an angry protest against, what he calls, "fantastic" charges.) He denies he ever had any relationship with the alleged extortionists.

Committee Chairman Congressman King of California says no evidence has been produced to show that the government officials named participated in the attempted shake down. But he noted the friendship between Nathan and former Assistant Attorney General Caudle - remarking that Caudle had made it easy for his name to be used in "influence peddling" schemes.

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Nathan testified later in the day, and denied the whole Teitelbaum story of attempted extortion based on Income Tax.

ADD INTERNAL REVENUE

Nathan told about his friendship with Caudle, saying the Assistant Attorney-General arranged occasional interviews for him with Government Agencies. But said that none of these "deals" involved taxes. He mentioned several what he called -- "deals." And -- though one of them might have involved the Atomic Energy Commission.

BASKETBALL

From Altoona, Pennsylvania - news about the "richest man in Blair County." He's under arrest as a - basketball fixer.

Daniel Lamont owns real estate at Altoona, a hotel, and a shoe factory. He has a stable of thoroughbreds - and, three years ago, scored a triumph in horse-racing. His entry, El Mono, won both the McClelland and the Wagner handicaps - two blue ribbon classics in Florida. However, he was refused a license to race in New York State, the Jockey Club ruling that he was tied up with bookmakers.

Today, New York District Attorney Frank Hogan declared that the "richest man in Blair County" is a "big-time gambler and racketeer." His real name is not Daniel Lamont, but Donato Lamorte.

He is charged with bribing Connie Schaff, the former ~~king~~ Long Island University basketball star, to fix the game between N.Y. U. and Cornell last New Year's Day. Schaff, now serving a jail sentence of six months for

basketball crookery - tried, they say, to fix the fixer.

He was to get four thousand dollars for the big game on New Year^s - two thousand for himself, and two thousand for another player, who would help to rig the score. But that other player was a myth - Schaff intending to keep the other two thousand dollars for himself. Smart going, but he was out-smarted - the wealthy magnate from Altoona giving him only the two thousand, and reneging on the other half.

The "richest man in Blair County" was arrested today, as he was walking to his luxurious home. The police walked up, and saw he was carrying a - paper bag. They asked - what was in it?

"Ice cream," replied the hotel and factory owner.

But he tried to throw the ice cream away, toss it in some bushes.

The cops grabbed the bag, and in it found - a revolver. When ice cream turns out to be a pistol - that's as weird as the goings-on in that basketball game last New Year.

ELECTION

At Omaha, Robert Harrison says - "I'm surprised."

He was the Republican candidate for the House of Representatives in Nebraska's Third Congressional District. What surprises him is the size of the victory he won. Nebraska is Republican, traditionally - but it isn't often that the R.O.P. gets a winning percentage like this. Harrison elected - twenty-four thousand to fourteen thousand. So no wonder he says - "I'm surprised."

STREET COMMISSIONER

At Crestline, Ohio, the Street Commissioner quit his job - and went to work as street sweeper. Why? To better himself.

Recently, the town fathers voted a boost of pay for the Department. Everybody - but Commissioner Irwin Eckert. The financial angles are such that Commissioner Eckert, by resigning and going to work as a street cleaner, ^{actually} has increased his pay five hundred and sixty-four dollars a year.

But he still runs the Department. Today a town official said: "Everybody knows that Eckeret is really doing the same work now, as a laborer - as he was doing a week ago as commissioner."

Really a promotion - from street commissioner to street sweeper.

LINDBERGH

Here's what looks like a case of "belated justice" - long overdue. But it's not justice rendered by Americans - playing fair, at long last, with one of the most famous of Americans. Lindbergh, once idolized as the "Lone Eagle", then a victim of character assassination and the smear.

Today's report is given by two British newspapermen, who have written a biography of Hermann Goering, Hitler's chief henchman. They inquired into the facts of Lindbergh's trip to Nazi Germany in Nineteen Thirty-five - which began the series of events that led to the public outcry against the Lone Eagle. The two British newspapermen state that Lindbergh went at the urgent request of the United States Government, which was unable to get facts about the growing strength of the Hitler Air Force, commanded by Goering. ^{The reasoning was} ~~that Goering~~ that Goering, who was incredibly vain, would be flattered, ~~and~~ would let Lindbergh have a look. The result was - Lindbergh's report on German air power, which caused him to be denounced as - "pro-Nazi." But he was only stating -

the facts. Later, his opposition to the Roosevelt war policy raised new storms against him - and he stepped out of the picture, working secretly for his country during the Second World War. He never spoke up, took it in silence.

The book published today states: "Colonel Lindbergh returned to Washington with an extremely full report on the Luftwaffe, for which he was rewarded by the enthusiastic thanks of the American Air staff. *Then the book goes on to say! -* "But he has yet to receive the thanks of the rest of his countrymen - or credit for the silence he maintained during the subsequent years."

EXPLOSIONS

Fireworks in Michigan. Huge explosions. The news dispatch says, "like a string of mammoth firecrackers." They were great oil tanks going up in flame and smoke, one after another - near Trenton, Michigan. The first one contained forty thousand barrels of a mixture of gasoline and oil. It isn't clear what caused the blast, but up went the forty thousand barrels, hurling sheets of flame and clouds of smoke. The other ^{tanks} did the same, for a string of eleven volcanoes.

This was at an oil plant where three hundred and fifty men were working - in the near neighborhood of the bursting masses of flame. But, in the plant arrangement, there was a placing of tanks - for safety. And, lines of dykes for shelter in case of explosion. These protective measures worked okay. Nobody hurt, in that fantasy of Michigan fireworks.

TANGLEFOOT

Here's a question - where's the worst mess in this

country? No, don't say ~~that~~ in Washington. It's at

Grand Rapids, Michigan - ~~where the best of factories, buildings~~
-- and what a mess!

~~that's just about the messiest place in history~~

There they have

~~the~~ the plant that makes Tanglefoot fly paper, and

you know how sticky the stuff is on those sheets ~~of~~ to catch

flies. Well, today two thousand, six hundred gallons of the

Tanglefoot sticky-stuff got loose, and flowed all over the

place. Something went wrong with a valve on the second floor,

which was flooded by the gooey concoction. After which the

Tanglefoot ooze dripped down onto the second floor, and

flowed in a stream out onto the street.

Plane Foreman Neal Van Dine was among those who had

to walk through it to get out. He says his shoes got stuck

and he had to step out of them. Then his socks got stuck,

and he had to drag his feet, ~~something like an insect trying~~

~~to get off a sheet of fly paper.~~ Tanglefoot is right!

At last reports, the stuff was two inches deep in

Nelson -

the plant, and the plant foreman says, "The mess probably
can't be cleaned up until next summer."

~~The flies, by the way, "are avoiding the place."~~

SWINDLE

Here's a story of the greatest football expert in the country - or so he seemed. He named the scores for the coming Saturday - and was winning the prizes in a contest on a radio program, two thousand dollars in all. Here's how the football oracle did it.

He's a Post Office employee in Chicago, and each Thursday he'd mail an envelope - to himself.

His name and address - penciled lightly. So he'd get the envelope back - stamp cancelled with a Thursday post-mark. He'd rub out the pencilled name and address - and on Saturday, after the football scores were in, he'd write out his predictions. Enclose them in the envelope - and readdress this to the football contest. He'd drop the ~~xxx~~ envelope into a mail bag at the Post Office where he worked - and the contest people would get the answers, with the post mark of Thursday.

Everything ^{authentic} [^] apparently - and they'd send the prize money.

The football oracle lost out, only because he became too greedy. At first, he ^{was cautious,} ~~wasn't~~ ^{he} didn't [^] predict the winning scores exactly. He'd just come

close enough to be fairly sure of the first prize. But, one Saturday, he took ~~third~~^{only} prize. Which annoyed him, and he made his next prediction. a sure thing. He called Michigan State to beat Notre Dame by thirty-five to zero - when Notre Dame never figured to lose by any such score. The miracle aroused suspicion, and an investigation was made - leading to the arrest of the football oracle.

DOCTOR

At Bridgeport, Connecticut, today, the court threw out

the manslaughter case against Dr. Donald Gibson, accused of killing a seventy-four year old spinster, to get her money.

The ~~forty~~^{fifty} year old physician lived with Miss Elizabeth Ayres, and her will left her property to him. The accusation was that he gave her drugs that caused her death.

The case was tried before a judge, no jury. The

verdict ~~was~~^{is} - that the evidence indicated that the aged woman died of natural causes. The defense made a routine motion of dismissal, and Judge Kenneth Wynne acquiesced - case thrown out of court.