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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The government is taking over the steel industry - just announced by President Truman on the radio. Thereby anticipating by little more than an hour, the strike - which was called for mid-night Eastern Standard Time.

Actually it had already begun - thousands of steel workers going out in advance earlier this evening. The gist of the President's radio address was - that this country cannot endure a tie-up of the production of steel, so vital to the Armament Program.

Control is assigned to the Department of Commerce; Commerce Secretary Sawyer in Charge. He, right now, becomes boss of American steel. But that's only nominal. The seizure is merely a legal technicality, whereby the steel workers are now

employed by the government. Management remains the same, so is the operation of the industry - that, at least, being the intention.

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On the Democratic side, Senator Eisenhower is also on the ballot with a write-in for Governor. These letters, however, are eighty per cent. The news dispatch stating that, apparently, the count for reelection is being delayed.

PRIMARY

Senator Taft is running away with the Illinois primary. His name is on the ballot, and so is the name of Stassen. Eisenhower not on the ballot. So things are running like this:- With ten percent of the Illinois precincts reporting, Taft has eighty-five thousand, Stassen fourteen thousand. Eisenhower - twelve thousand. Meaning that Stassen on the ballot is running a little ahead of Eisenhower write-in votes - the two combined having less than one-third of the Taft votes. The Ohio senator has the support of the powerful Republican organization in Illinois, plus the fact that those who like Ike have to write-in his name. Significant facts - in figuring out the meaning.

On the Democratic side, Senator Kefauver is alone on the ballot - with write-ins for Governor Stevenson. These latter, however, are mighty few - the news dispatch stating that, apparently, the count for write-ins is being delayed.

COSTELLO

For contempt of Congress
(Costello--sentenced to prison. / The alleged boss of rackets
gets--18 months. And--a \$5000 fine.) Frank Costello had only two
words to say when Judge Sylvester Ryan passed sentence. "Thank you!"
he rasped in his gravelly voice. After which, his lawyer said--there
would be an appeal.

FLOODS

At ^{So.} ~~South~~ Sioux City, ^{Nebr.} ~~Nebraska~~, the warning is--the levee will

not hold. The Missouri is rising for the worst flood threats in seventy years. The turbulent waters surging along with masses of debris--telephone poles, chicken coops, timbers of buildings. Signs of havoc wrought by the flood. South Sioux City is told that part of the town is sure to be flooded--^{that} as/the levee there cannot hold.

The Mississippi is rising too, and so is the Red River of the North, which flows up into Canada to Hudson's Bay. Warm weather has brought a rapid thaw in the snow choked mountains, and that spells out a story of--the deluge.

BULLITT

A Senate Committee, today, was given a dramatic glimpse behind the diplomatic curtain - and it concerns that celebrated case of Alger Hiss.

The witness was William C. Bullitt, former U.S. Ambassador to Soviet Russia. Who told of a conversation he had, in Nineteen Thirty-nine, with Premier Daladier of France. Daladier - informing him of a report made by French Intelligence. That - there were two Soviet agents in the American State Department, two brothers named Hiss. Bullitt says he laughed at the statement, it seemed so ridiculous. He told the French Premier that - "Hiss wasn't even a name, it was a noise made by a snake." Bullitt - passing it off with a quip.

But then, the ~~the~~ next year, Bullitt happened to be in Washington, He was at the State Department ~~in~~ talking to Dr. Stanley Hornbeck, Chief of the Division of Far Eastern Affairs. When - a young man entered, and was introduced as Dr. Hornbeck's chief assistant. Introduced as - Alger Hiss.

You can imagine how the former Ambassador to Moscow opened his eyes. He says he told Hornbeck what the French Premier had told him - but there is no indication of what action, if any, was taken on the information.

Bullitt adds that he never heard anything further about the other Hiss brother, Donald Hiss, now an attorney in Washington. But he did hear plenty - about Alger Hiss. Trial and conviction - in which, I suppose, Bullitt's own story would have no place - mere hearsay, Though, hearsay, from the French Premier.

The Committee, today, questioned the former Ambassador about Owen Lattimore - the ^(Far) Eastern expert, often charged with Communism. Which ^{Lattimore} ~~he~~ denies in bitter terms.

Bullitt stated that in Nineteen Thirty-Six, when he was U.S. Ambassador to Soviet Russia, Owen Lattimore visited him in Moscow, and asked him to get in touch with President Franklin D. Rossevelt, and

urge immediate American recognition of Outer Mongolia as an independent nation. At the time, Outer Mongolia was being separated from China, of which it had long been a province - and the suppositions were that it was all the doing of Soviet Russia.

Lattimore insisted that there was "no Soviet control whatsoever, either by the Red army or the secret police." Bullitt says that, as Ambassador to Moscow, he knew the Soviets were in complete control of that Central Asian country.

"I came to the conclusion," said he today, "that Lattimore either knew nothing about the subject - or else he was deliberately attempting to assist in the spread of Communist authority in Asia."

Such was the testimony in Washington today - glimpses behind the diplomatic curtain.

FRANCE

In Paris tonight Premier Pinay scored a clean sweep in a whole series of confidence votes. The business man, who is putting through a program of economic reform, staked his political existence on two separate votes tonight - and won them all.

KOREA

From truce talk headquarters in Korea, we have a report that Allied officials are now revising their lists of Red prisoners-of-war. This - as a key to new proposals for a compromise. The deadlock is founded in an outright contradiction: forced repatriation, as they want it. Voluntary repatriation, as we insist. So how can you compromise those opposites?

Well, a revision of prisoner lists could mean, perhaps, that Red captives who refuse to go back might be put under some special category. Perhaps - not as prisoners-of-war at all. Refugees, maybe. While the regular list of prisoners would consist of the Reds who are willing to return to Communist Korea. Which would be no more than a dodge to save face - for we hear that face-saving is the big diplomacy.

In any case, each side is preparing compromise proposals - to present to the other. So, meanwhile, the meetings in the truce tents of Panmunjom are little more than gestures. Going through the motions - and not many motions at that.

Which was illustrated amusingly today, when two members of the Red negotiating team were delayed - by jeep trouble. They arrived, a couple of minutes late, and found the negotiators coming out - meeting over. So funny, the negotiators had to laugh. The meeting had lasted three and a half minutes.

~~Something like the old story of the fight fan who took his seat just as the battle for the championship began. When he got himself settled and looked up - the bout was over. He had paid twenty-five bucks, it was a one punch affair, and he didn't even see the punch.~~


KOREA - DOGS

It was only to be expected that there would be an immediate protest - about one story that came in the news today. A protest - from dog lovers.

The story tells of six canine "scouts", who accompany American patrols in No Man's Land - and spot the enemy by a sense of smell, for which dogs are famous. The G.I.'s declare that they've saved at least three parties of Americans from being ambushed by the Reds. ~~But~~ The reckoning is, that the dogs are able to stand up under the strain of war for about eighteen months. After which - then what? ~~Will they be~~ Rotated home with G.I. pals? The dispatch says the plan is to destroy the canine scouts - when they are no longer useful.

Today Corporal James Heffron of Oklahoma said: "I'd like to take my dog home with me, and keep him as a pet. ~~Max~~ But I guess there is no way I can swing it."

All of which draws an immediate demand from dog lovers - that the canine scouts be sent home, when their time is up.



FOLLOW KOREA---DOGS

There's immediate reaction at the Pentagon, where a spokesman explained---that the disposition of those dogs of war is up to the commander in the Far East.

if you can call it music. Nine of the U.I. bagpipers play the pipes right now - and seven more are studying. Near the Second Division is stationed the famous regiment of the Scottish Army - the King's own Scottish Borderers. From whom the Second Division band seems to have adopted bagpipes. They ordered a consignment from Scotland - and, when these arrived, the pipe trimmings were found to be - the Royal Tartan of the Stairie. Whereupon a report was published that the King's own Scottish Borderers had offered to provide the kilts of the pattern belonging to the clan of the Scottish king of old.

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KOREA - KILTS

From Headquarters of the Second Division at the warfront, we have a denial - that G.I's are going to wear kilts. However, it is a fact that G.I's are - playing bagpipes. The band of the Second Division had procured seventeen of the Scottish musical instruments - if you can call it music. Nine of the G.I. bandsmen play the pipes right now - and seven more are studying.

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protests - that the Royal Tartan of the Stuarts can be worn only by members of the royal family.

Added to which we have a statement from the band-master of the Second Division, a Lieutenant with the un-Scottish name of - Gasbarro. Band-master Gasbarro says: "We have not got any kilts to wear. We have no funds to buy them ourselves - and, so far, nobody has offered to donate any to us."

So there's your chance, folks - to make a contribution. Chip in and buy - kilts for the band of the American Second Division.

PLANE

An Air Force bomber is missing outside ~~of~~ Denver - a B-29 which last reported its position only twenty-five miles from ~~the~~ Lowery Air Force base. The plane gave no hint of mechanical trouble or bad weather conditions. It simply failed to arrive at the airport. Forced down - unforeseeingly, not far from Denver - and a search is being made.

SAFETY

From the University of Michigan, some highly scientific facts on an old theme - that one of the most dangerous places for accidents is the home. Home; ~~Sweet-Break-your-Neck-Home.~~

The professors have now discovered that, for wifie, the most perilous place is the kitchen. That's where she stumbles and takes a fall, or cuts ~~her~~ her fingers opening a can of ^{peas} beans, or scalds herself with a ^{pot} ~~pot~~ of soup.

~~But~~ For hubby, the back yard is the worst [^] where he strains his back mowing the lawn, or lets a hunk of rock fall on his foot.

There's a further ~~break-down~~ break-down of the statistics, showing [^] ~~that~~ that most of the kitchen accidents happen - to brides. Which is just what you'd expect - the bride cooking her first dinner, and falling flat on her face.

POLICEWOMAN

Here's a dispatch from Columbus, Ohio, which reminds me of an old story. In Paris, a Professor of Anatomy was giving a lecture, and said: "There's a certain difference between men and women." Whereupon a Frenchman shouted, "Viva la difference."

In Ohio, it's the difference between policemen and policewomen. The city of Columbus has put its policewomen into uniform, and that causes difficulties. In a court of law, for example, it would be an outrage if a cop did not take his cap off. ~~But~~ the lady cops keep their caps on, and that arouses the ire of His Honor, Judge Rodney Ross. To which Police Inspector Thomas A. Scully retorts that, uniform or no uniform, a woman is still a woman - and should be permitted to follow feminine etiquette.

Well, that's one of those differences - men taking their hats off indoors, women keeping them on. ^{So I guess} all we can

^{Nelson} is echo the Frenchman; and cheer - "Viva la difference."

~~(Be sure to give "difference" the French pronunciation.)~~