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C.G. - P. & G. Wednesday, Feb. 16, 1949.

Mr. Speaker, member<sup>s</sup> of the Utah Legislature, distinguished guests, -- and Good evening Everybody:

I'm giving this broadcast at a joint session of the Upper and Lower Houses of the Legislature of the State of Utah. <sup>From</sup> ~~the~~ the dais where the Speaker has presided over many an historic session in the history of Utah. Beside me is Speaker Ed McPolin, who has given me the use of his official desk -- for the microphone. <sup>R</sup> Of course the immediate question is -- what am I doing here, ~~for~~ performing a daily task of radio in such august legislative halls? I don't know. I've been arguing the question with John Murch, who is liaison officer between the two branches, ~~and tells me he is a sort of general arranger~~. He claims that he pestered and shanghaied me into

coming here, virtually dragging me <sup>to this impressive place,</sup> by the neck. ~~But~~

*But*

I insist that I'm intruding, just butting in --

to give myself the grand feeling of sitting here next

to the Speaker of one of the forty-eight great

legislative assemblies of this nation. - ~~and~~ In

many respects the most interesting <sup>of the 48.</sup> For Utah has

had a <sup>Fascinating</sup> ~~most interesting~~ history, going back to the

days of the rugged Mormon pioneers whom Brigham Young

led into the Valley of the Great Salt Lake. And <sup>my wife</sup> today had lunch with B. Y.'s only living daughter.

*IP* Ever since Utah became a State, large events of the

West have been deliberated in this chamber. *IP* On this

western trip of mine, I wanted to get into typical

surroundings of the great plains and mountains --

and what could be more/so than a joint ~~new~~ session

of the Utah legislature. The law makers, here, have

been busy all day at the work of State Government

and now I hope I won't pester them too much <sup>with</sup> ~~with~~ <sup>regard to</sup> ~~with~~

problems of other states, other countries and the

world. But, anyway, here goes:

JAPAN

A storm seems to be brewing over the widely published story that, in case of war, <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ United States might not defend Japan, and that the Army might pull out of those islands. The statement was cabled by Tokyo Correspondents of the big American news agencies and various American newspapers - attributing the declaration to a high official. ~~In~~ This now ~~turns~~ <sup>turns</sup> ~~out~~

~~declared~~ to have been Secretary of the Army Royall, during his recent visit to Tokyo. ~~The Secretary has~~ <sup>the disclosure</sup>

~~denied saying any such thing, but today, we have~~ <sup>broke in Australia today, in a dispatch</sup>

~~from an~~ ~~circulation~~ ~~from~~ Australia. Newspapers all over Australia ~~published a dispatch~~ declaring that it was ~~Secretary Royall.~~

~~This version is from an~~ Australian news man in Tokyo, Dennis Warner. ~~He~~ <sup>Royall</sup> recited the following story. He said that ~~the~~ Secretary of ~~the Army~~ met a group of American newsmen at our <sup>Tokyo</sup> Embassy. ~~in~~

~~Tokyo~~ <sup>He</sup> Which may or may not be considered a regular news interview. ~~The Australian correspondent~~ declared that the only unusual thing about it was the exclusion of General MacArthur's Chief Information



officer - the MacArthur representative not there. The American newsmen were pledged to secrecy, <sup>They</sup> promised not to tell who gave them the information, <sup>Australian</sup> Dennis Warner explains <sup>ed</sup> that he himself was not bound by that pledge of secrecy. <sup>So, he tells all.</sup> He insists that Secretary Royall said clearly that, in the words of the <sup>is</sup> Australian: "Japan was now relegated to a ~~most~~ minor position in the strategic set-up of the United States, and that withdrawal of U S forces from Japan was now being considered by the War Department."

~~all of which would seem to have the makings of a storm xxxxxxxxxx~~ So what is the reaction to the disclosure in Australia? This ~~xxxx~~ afternoon, Secretary Royall admitted - yes, he was the high American official who last week held a secret news conference in Tokyo. But he denies that he made the statements that have caused an international furor. He insists that he did not say that Japan might be abandoned by the American



forces, in case of war or otherwise. "On the contrary,"  
~~xxx~~ says Secretary Royall, "I stated specifically  
that we did not plan to make any changes in our  
forces and I said we were ready to meet all-comers  
in Japan". <sup>R</sup> This denial would seem to put the burden  
on the American news correspondents in Tokyo, all  
of whom said pretty much the same thing, unanimous,  
in quoting the "high official" who now turns out  
to be the Secretary of the Army.

Meanwhile, a lesser <sup>tempest</sup> ~~tempest~~ has been blowing  
in Tokyo. Over the weekend the Japanese Kyodo News  
Agency published a strong denial that the U N Army  
might get out of Japan, and attributed this to --  
a high American official. But, MacArthur headquarters  
asserts that no American official had any right to  
make any such statement, and not one of them admits  
that he did. Vigorous inquiries are being made to  
find out where the Japanese News Agency got the story  
-- from whom? Did some high American official really  
say it? Or did the Japanese News Agency fake the

~~story?~~

Mr. Ordinary Citizen over here, can only contemplate <sup>all this with</sup> ~~these tempests~~ and wonder -- could there be some inner-circle controversy over our policy in Japan, with influences in Washington on one side and MacArthur ~~officials~~ over in Tokyo on the other? Well, Mr. Ordinary Citizen can only blink his eyes and look puzzled.

ACHESON

*in Wash -*

Our Secretary of State did some fancy side-stepping and blocking today, <sup>^</sup>defending from two sides. On one side <sup>he</sup> ~~■~~ <sup>a</sup>parried/punch of a Congressional variety. Saying that the negotiations on the North Atlantic Security Pact are being conducted within the *framework* work of the American Constitution. Meaning, that all due consideration is being given to the rights and privileges of Congress. (This, is designed to meet misgivings of law-makers, who are afraid that the North Atlantic Treaty would pledge this contry to go to war, in certain circumstances, when the Constitution reserves the war-making power for Congress.) ~~But all that, says the Secretary of State, is being duly considered in the negotiations with the free countries, of Europe.~~

So that was blocking a blow from the Congressional side -- whereupon, with a neat bit of footwork the Secretary of State put up the other hand and fended *off* *a lunge* ~~one off~~ from the European angle. He denied that our government is backing down on commitments promised



as part of the North Atlantic agreement. This answers ~~an~~ angry charges over in Europe, particularly Great Britain. Charges that the United States is retreating, backing down, even welching. ~~(Criticism in the free countries of Europe has been that our government, after inciting them to a strong stand against Russia, is now ducking behind the American Constitution and the treaty-making ~~rights~~ rights of the Senate -- shying away from definite commitments.)~~ To all of which Secretary of State Acheson replies that our diplomacy, all along has made clear that Congress is a partner in making treaties. We have not changed attitude -- and our foreign policy is the same.

He reports that the task of framing the North Atlantic Security Pact is going along smoothly and he hopes it won't be long before the text of the treaty is ready to be placed before Congress and the American people for full discussion. ~~Perhaps for~~

*no doubt you gentlemen of the legis-  
of Utah will be discussing this  
shortly.*

*seest.*

BERLIN

In Berlin American Commander General Clay has ordered the ouster of a Soviet repatriation commission. General Clay's view is that the repatriation commission is no longer needed -- and has not been needed for quite a while. The purpose of this Soviet group has been to arrange for the return to Russia of Soviet citizens in the American zone. There are, as a matter of fact, a large number of Russians in the American zone.

But During the ~~past~~ past year the commission has not been able to persuade one Russian to return to

the land of the Soviets. Several times the mission has been mobbed by Russian D P's

Red Marshal Sokolovsky disagrees with

General Clay and calls the <sup>(repatriation)</sup>~~reparation~~ commission --

indispensable. But, General Clay says that,

since they have not been able to persuade one Russian to be repatriated in a whole year they cannot be so indispensable, so, out they go.

U N

There's alarm in the United Nations, because of the Soviet withdrawal from one of the agencies of the international parliament. This is the U N World Health Organization, known by its initials W-H-O. Which also spell - who. And the question is - who knows what the Soviet move today may mean?

The health organization is not so important all by itself -- though it is one of the U N Agencies that has ~~it~~ done some effective work. This, in measures taken to check the cholera epidemic which broke out in Egypt and threatened to spread throughout the Near East. ~~Moreover~~<sup>P</sup> The Soviet withdrawal is explained on ~~the~~ grounds of expense. Moscow states: "The swollen administrative machinery of the ~~health~~ health organization involves expenses which are too heavy for member states to bear."

So the Soviets walk out, with all three of their votes -- Russia, White Russia, and the Ukraine.

The point that is being noted is that this is the first time the Soviets have seceded from any



part of the United Nations. That's what has the officials worried at Lake Success. There is no indication that the Red withdrawal may be a sign that the Soviets might pull out from the U N organization itself. But it ~~might have~~ <sup>does have</sup> the look of a disturbing symptom. Who knows, in this affair of ~~the~~ W - H - O? *who?*



FOLLOW U N

Two other nations have, in a way, withdrawn from the U N world organization -- they have lost their vote. Costa Rica and Paraguay -- but they are out for the time being at least, merely because of failure to pay their dues. Costa Rica owes Twenty-eight thousand dollars in back dues to the U N. Paraguay twenty-four thousand. So it's much the same as ~~ixx~~ at somebody's club, when he fails to kick in -- and he is posted for back dues.

## VOLCANO

In the Philippines a tall mountain is gurgling which is exactly the word -- the sound being an enormous version of water boiling in a tea kettle. Gurgle gurgle -- <sup>thousand</sup> ten times as loud! <sup>TP</sup> The peak is the mountain called Taal in the Province of Batangas, island of Luzon. It's a volcano thirty four miles north of Manila -- last eruption - Nineteen Eleven. But that explosion of thirty-eight years ago was a monumental disaster -- when the volcano called ~~Taal~~ Taal killed thirteen hundred people, <sup>and</sup> destroyed every living thing within a radius of nine miles.

<sup>TP</sup> So now, once again, ~~that~~ that same kind of disaster is threatening. The authorities today evacuated two thousand people from villages in the vicinity of Taal. <sup>R</sup> The signs are, not only ominous, but strange indeed -- gurgle, gurgle. <sup>TP</sup> The crater of Taal is a huge one, <sup>nearly</sup> ~~nearly~~ a mile across. And it is filled with water, a magnificent lake. In the middle of that spacious lake rises a cone, a secondary crater. This now is pouring forth vast clouds of



smoke. The heat is so great that the big <sup>lake</sup> ~~lake~~ is boiling, something like a giant tea kettle, giving off clouds of steam, and an immense gurgling sound, which can be heard for miles.

One other strange sign -- a migration of hosts of wild animals. ~~xxxx~~ Normally, great herds of Philippine wild life graze on the green vegetation of the mountain, near the crater that is a lake. But now the vegetation has turned yellow from the heat, and the animals are trouping down in droves to ~~xxxx~~ where it is green. And all the ~~xi~~ while, the big lake seethes and steams with the <sup>(sound</sup> ~~xxxx~~ <sup>/of</sup> boiling water, <sup>a</sup> thundering ~~re~~ gurgle-gurgle.

G I

Today the solemn military funeral at Arlington National Cemetery was given to private Felix Longoria -- the young ~~Mexican~~ Mexican-American who gave his life in the war and ~~he~~ was refused ordinary decent burial at his home town, Three Rivers Texas. But Texas, and Three Rivers made up handsomely for the slight paid to the G I who gave his life - discrimination because he was of Mexican ancestry. Senator Lyndon Johnson of Texas is from Three Rivers, and he took the lead in procuring interment of Private Longoria in this nation's field of honor, -- Arlington. Senator Johnson was foremost in the ceremony today, personally escorting the family of the late G I his mother, his widow, and his daughter, Adelita.

## WEATHER

The western weather report features the term -- "ground blizzard." You can have a ground blizzard when the sun ~~is~~ is shining brightly and the temperature is mild. Because it is a matter of -- wind. A strong gale can blow the snowbanks in dense sheets of white, and cover highways as deeply as if a regular blizzard were raging with snow from the sky.

All over the country, the weather was much better today, warmer in the middlewest, which was frosted yesterday.

In the mountain states, blue skies -- with the haylift going into operation again and doubling its capacity.

The trouble in the West has been -- those ground blizzards which choked up the highways ~~was~~ to such a degree as to isolate Salt Lake City for a while. Today the wind blown drifts were being ripped out by snowplows -- communications restored.



## PLANE

In Alaska, a pilot had that fearsome experience which sometimes happens -- a passenger going berserk in an airplane. So what does a pilot do, when he's alone in the cockpit, with a madman attacking him -- as happened in an aerial battle high above a four thousand foot Alaskan mountain? Aviator Donald Dorothy tells what he did, in that weird emergency - and clever it was.

Don, on an Alaskan airline, took off from Seward -- with one passenger, a Filipino sailor from an oil tanker. Soon after taking off the Filipino went <sup>out</sup> of his head, leaped upon the pilot, and started choking him. "I let go of the controls," Don relates "and fought, with him, but the plane got into some rough air, and I had to let him keep throttling me while I wrestled with the controls.

So there was the situation -- the pilot being choked by the mad-man, while he steered the plane to avoid a crash. What could he do? How could he break the maniac's grip on his throat? That was the clever part of it -- Don relating: "I sent the

plane into a barrell roll. That threw him against the ceiling and back down to the floor". So the crazed passenger was bounced from top to bottom.

"When he hit the floor" says the pilot "I jumped up and beat him on the head with a fire extinguisher until it bent!" <sup>TR</sup> That subdued the maddened ~~pilot~~ <sup>sailor</sup> who today was on his way to a mental institution,

~~fixin~~ flying in that same plane -- but in a straight-jacket, this time.

## FLOWERS

Among the many grave problems facing the Congress of the United States is the question of -- Mrs. Walker's geraniums, violets and petunias. Mrs. Walker is demanding that the Government pay her Seventeen-Thousand-Eight-Hundred-and-Fifty-Six Dollars-and-Sixty-Eight cents - because Air Force war planes have been playing a strange kind of havoc with her geraniums, violets and petunias.

Mrs. Walker has greenhouses near Louisville, Kentucky, and right next door the Air Force established a base for trying out new types of planes. ~~Which~~ Which was bad for the greenhouses in several ways, the climax coming when they began to test a lot of big bombers. The roaring motors set up so much vibration that the flowers were jarred to <sup>(their</sup> ~~the~~ very roots. Which is no figure of speech. The vibration separated the roots from the soil - and you can imagine the sad, withered, yellow look of the geraniums, violets and petunias.

Mrs. Warner complained to High Heaven - also



to the high brass. At first the Air Force officers didn't believe that the motors of bombers had caused the death of the flowers. They made an experiment, a rough and ready test. They suspended some Boy-Scout jack-knives from the ceiling of the greenhouse and sent over a big bomber, with motors roaring wide open. The vibration caused the jack-knives to swing and sway so hard that they broke loose - spearing a couple of petunias.

So now, the Congress of the United States is considering this flowery problem. While we turn from geraniums and petunias to Ivory and you, Ken.