

Friday, August 6, 1948.

(The critical situation in Berlin grows more acute tonight - after the meeting of the western Ambassadors with Molotov in Moscow. In the German capital the Soviets have just made the menacing charge that Allied planes on the Berlin supply line, are violating air safety rules.) That American and British planes broke the safety rules sixty-two times ~~more~~ between last Saturday and Wednesday of this week. (This in the words of the Russians - "might lead to serious results." The implication is that Red fighter planes may try to force down the food transports.)

All this -- as the American, British and French governments study reports from their Ambassadors in Moscow, reports on their conversation with Molotov at the Kremlin today.

CRISIS

At five o'clock this evening Moscow time, three diplomats entered the Kremlin - American Ambassador Bedell Smith, French Ambassador Chataigneau, and British Envoy Frank Roberts, Secretary to Foreign Minister Bevin. They went into see Molotov, and were in the Kremlin for three hours, emerging at eight P.M. Moscow time.

What transpired is hidden by blank ~~XXXXXXXX~~ secrecy, which has been the dominating feature in these new negotiations. We only know that Molotov in conference was attended by his chief adviser on

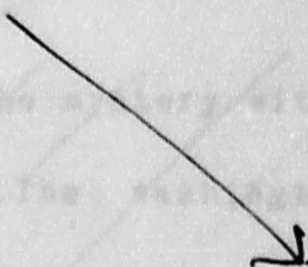
Germany -- Smirnov. When American Ambassador <sup>Bedell</sup> Smith returned to the Embassy, Spasso House, Newsmen swarmed around him, but he hurried ~~into his car, shouting~~ <sup>inside merely stopping</sup>

<sup>to say:—</sup>  
"Molotov and Smirnov were present. Not Stalin. It lasted three hours. No comment."

The latest word is that the three ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ambassadors are preparing and sending their reports to their governments' <sup>—</sup> <sup>—</sup> accounts of what went on at the ~~XXXXXX~~ conference this evening. There's a rumor in Moscow that they agreed to a meeting of the big four,

another conference of foreign ministers, to be held probably in Paris next month.

Another Moscow rumor is that the Soviets are demanding a voice in the control of the <sup>all-vital</sup> Ruhr, the industrial section of Western Germany - as a price for lifting the blockade of Berlin. These fragmentary bits are all the news that emanates from behind the diplomatic white curtain ~~xxx~~ secrecy.





## ESPIONAGE

The espionage uproar brings to the headlines a mystery witness. Tonight, a sub-committee of the Congressional Committee on un-American activities is questioning this unknown individual. We are not told who he is, merely that he is an obscure person whose name has not appeared in the spy sensation thus far. As for the importance of his testimony, we are told that, in the words of the committee - "it will break the spy case wide open."

One report is that the mystery witness is being interrogated in New York. The Washington Times-Herald says the Washington newspaper describes him as a personal friend of Henry Wallace, the Third Party Candidate, and adds that the mystery witness arranged for the shipment to Russia of uranium, that key atomic material - at the time when this country was developing the atom bomb.



ADD ESPIONAGE

- <sup>We now have</sup>  
~~we have, moreover,~~ an expansion of yesterday's bombshell about uranium going to the Soviets. Today Committee Member Congressman McDowell of Pennsylvania made additional accusations. He told of other quantities of the radio-active metal sent to Russia, including apparently uranium-two-thirty-five. That's the rare isotope, the ~~exg~~ extraction of which was one of the scientific exploits in the making of the atomic bomb. It was all so secret ~~xxxxxx~~ that not even American intelligence officers were informed.

Congressman McDowell says the final shipment was made about the time of the first test-explosion of the ~~atomic~~ bomb at Los Alamos, ~~xxxx~~ New Mexico. -That consignment amounted to a thousand pounds, after which the Soviets came back with a demand for fifteen tons. But by this time our government woke up, and the Russians never got it.

We are told that Moscow, in procuring the various shipments, explained that the uranium was intended for Soviet medical research - but, after a while

some Americans got ~~around to~~ <sup>on to</sup> the idea <sup>that</sup> the Reds might want the atomic metal for atom bomb ~~XXXXX~~ research.

## POLITICS

Tonight's election campaign headline tells of a movement of Troops. The political news informs us of a mobilization of soldiers - ready for battle. Of course, in a report on a state primary, you might expect to hear of ballots - not bullets. But this is from Tennessee, the southeastern part of the state, the mountain country along the borders of North Carolina and Georgia.

Tennessee had a primary election yesterday, and today Governor Jim McCord ordered the national guard into Polk County - where the voting was accompanied by gunfire, ballots alternating with bullets. Two men killed, four wounded. -Today, there were threats of new violence, the danger of a minor ~~sixty~~ civil war in Polk County.

It is a region where veterans have organized politically for conflict with old-time political machines. ~~Two years ago, in McMinn County, next door to Polk, ex-G.I.'s fought a successful battle which was like a cross between~~



a voting election and one of those island campaigns  
in the Pacific - <sup>that is</sup> combining the best features of both.  
The veterans overthrew the political machine in McMinn  
County and the same sort of move has been under way  
in the county next door, leading to startling election  
events.

Last night in Ducktown, Polk County, the  
votes were being counted in a polling place, when  
suddenly the lights went out. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Somebody  
doused the electricity - and "all Hades broke loose",  
as Dr. W. J. Fredack of Ducktown told the story today.  
In the darkness, shots rang out, bullets coming from all  
directions. So everybody ducked - in Ducktown.

When the lights were turned on again, the  
casualties were ascertained. Three citizens had not  
ducked ~~fast~~ <sup>quickly</sup> ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ enough - one killed, two wounded.  
Today the ballot boxes were being moved from Ducktown  
to ~~xx~~ a safer place - and also from Copper Hill, where  
trouble likewise threatens.

At another place, there was an ambushade;

rifle fire from behind trees - one killed, another wounded. Today a pitched battle between the factions was threatening. <sup>At</sup> Last reports, a machine gun company of the national guard was taking over.

~~So that's why this dispatch of political news about an election sounds like a military communique in wartime - emanating, as it does, from Polk County, the corner where Tennessee borders on North Carolina and Georgia.~~

The Tennessee Primary news in general tells of a resounding defeat for - Ed Crump. That legended boss runs a political organization that for years has dominated Tennessee - the Crump machine. ~~At~~ the count of the votes today announced a victory for ~~the~~ former Governor Gordon Browning, nominated on the Democratic ticket for Governor. And - Congressman Kefauver, nominated to run for the Senate. Both of these successful candidates, especially Kefauver, were ~~by~~ bitterly opposed by boss Crum, and their triumph ~~represents~~ represents a heavy blow for the Crump machine.



On the national scene, the news tells of President Truman in conference with Senator Barkley - the President and his running mate discussing campaign strategy with other Democratic chieftains. ((At the White House today, a newsman asked the question - is there any idea of calling a second special session of Congress? The one that's meeting now is getting ready to adjourn - without doing anything much about all that legislation the President demanded when he summoned the special session.

Today - White House Secretary Ross said he presumed the President had the constitutional right to call Congress back all over again - for another special session. That would seem to be <sup>(correct)</sup> ~~correct~~ and the whole thing might reduce itself to an absurdity. The white House could legally call another special session, which quite legally could vote to adjourn right away. Whereupon the President could call still another, followed by another immediate adjournment - and so on ad infinitum. In other words, I can call you in the door



~~but I can't make you stay, and you can walk right out-  
so I keep calling you in and you keep walking out.))~~

~~In Albany,~~ Governor Dewey <sup>and</sup> ~~today was~~  
~~talking with Governor Warren, so hear that the~~  
~~Republican candidates for President and vice-President,~~  
are going to issue a call to every top ranking G.O.P.  
leader to get into the campaign, and do an all-out job  
of electioneering. The ones to be summoned include  
Harold Stassen, Senator Taft, Senator ~~gm~~ Vandenberg,  
~~xxxxx~~ Speaker of the House Joe Martin, and House Majority  
Leader Congressman Malleck. Stassen has already agreed  
to take the stump in that rousing ~~Stassen~~ Stassen way, and  
campaign right up to election day. And the others are  
expected to respond <sup>in like manner to the</sup> ~~to the xxxxx~~ Dewey-Warren Call.

CANADA

In Ottawa today Prime Minister MacKenzie King spoke his valedictory. He told a national convention of the Liberal Party that he was retiring -- after thirty years of political leadership.

His successor will be elected tomorrow, and MacKenzie

~~King will immediately consult with him on the question of the office of Prime Minister. MacKenzie King is <sup>leaving</sup> ~~resigning~~ that job after twenty-one years, as the Prime Minister of Canada.~~

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ADD CANADA

~~Today he stated that he was~~ Retiring  
reluctantly, because of old age. He said: "Were I  
not now in my seventy-fourth year, and had I not  
the best of reasons for knowing that my strength  
no ~~longer~~ longer is what it once was -- I should  
feel very differently than I do." And ~~he~~<sup>he</sup> departs  
from the scene the Canadian statesman who for so  
many years has been a figure of wisdom and moderation  
in this world of ours — a real tower of  
*strength for the British Empire.*



## MISSING PLANE

The news appears to bring to a final dark end <sup>to</sup> ~~and~~ the suspense about the lost french flying boat, the giant aircraft <sup>that</sup> ~~which~~ <sup>vanished</sup> ~~vanished~~ with fifty-two persons aboard. The U.S. Coast Guard reports that today the cutter Campbell navigated through a sea dotted with charred wreckage, burned remnants of a huge airplane. The scene, mid-Atlantic, twelve hundred miles off the coast of West Africa - only seventy miles off the course the huge flying boat was taking, from Martinique to West Africa.

~~Among the pieces of wreckage picked up by the Coast Guard cutter Campbell are three leather covered airplane seats, which show signs of fire - indicating that the giant crowded aircraft exploded and burned.~~

At Tucson, Arizona, two B-29s landed at ~~an air base~~ today -- completing a round-the-world flight, which has attracted little notice. Only one incident was given space in the news, an unfortunate headline - when the Superfortress crashed near Aden at the Southwestern corner of Arabia - only one survivor. Three set off from Tucson on July Twenty-second - and, one ~~maxim~~ having been lost, the other two have now completed the first aerial circumnavigation by B-29s. They did it in fifteen days.

~~The first one in today has an appropriate nickname -- Gas Gobbler. I sat ~~in~~ at the wheel of a B-29 trying to fly it from Iwo Jima to Guam, during the war - with the aid of an expert crew of course. And I learned <sup>just</sup> a little about how those Superfortresses sure can gobble gasoline.~~



## OLYMPICS

One of the greatest exploits in the history of athletics was completed tonight at the Olympic Games. A seventeen year old American school boy won the decathelon, the most gruelling event in Olympic competition. Bob Mathias, of Tulare, California, made the fifteen hundred meter run tonight, in darkness and a driving rain -- the drenched and almost deserted Wembley stadium illuminated by the glare of floodlights.

Seventeen year old Bob Mathias began yesterday, when he won his heat in the hundred meter dash. Then came the four hundred meter run and the high jump. After which he scored a tie for the best shot put, as he kept piling up a lead in points. Today he began with the one-hundred-and-ten meter high hurdles. And then he registered the longest discus throw of the day -- one-hundred-and-forty-four-feet-four-inches. Darkness was falling when he cleared the bar in the poll-vault. Then he tossed the javelin and the gloom was so deep that the few



spectators in the stands could hardly see it land. Finally he went round and round the track in the fifteen hundred meter run, not making as good time as some of the others, but adding enough points to clinch his victory in the decathelon. All of which meant he was in athletic competition for ~~an~~ twelve solid hours today.

The figure tonight shows that he scored a total of seven-thousand-one-hundred-and-thirty-nine points in the ten events. Second place went to Henrich of France, with six-thousand-nine-hundred-and seventy-four.

This year's Olympics boasted of a particularly fine field of stars competing in the Decathelon. But the seventeen year old from California outscored them all in the classic ten events - Bob Mathias tonight the world's greatest all-around athlete.

At the end of it all the weary boy was asked: "Will you compete in the Nineteen Fifty-two

Olympics?" To which he replied: "Maybe - if I am rested up by that time!"

And there were still more reasons for our athletes to cheer each other over there today. Vicky Draves of Los Angeles took the laurels in the tower dive. She already had taken the springboard diving. All of which meant a double for a woman diver; this for the first in the history of the modern Olympiad.

Then Ann Curtis, another California girl, in qualifying for the semi-finals in the four-hundred-meter free style equalled the old Olympic record that also had been broken a few minutes earlier by Karen Hapur, Danish star. <sup>So</sup> <sup>have to</sup> The two will <sup>^</sup> race it out in the final<sup>s</sup>.

In the four-hundred-meter relay, the American woman's team smashed the existing Olympic record of four-minutes, -thirty-six seconds. <sup>TP</sup> All in all it was a great day for the sons and daughters of Uncle Sam. Especially the lad who won the famed deathelox - Bob Mathias, champion of champions.



## MORMONS

This weekend, a pageant is being staged at Palmyra, New York - the place where Joseph Smith announced the revelation that led to the founding of the Mormon Church. The spectacle is being put on by Mormon missionaries from Salt Lake City, and will present a pictorial version of the bx beliefs held by the latter day saints.

Do you know what these are? Well, the pageant at Palmyra will relate how, long centuries ago, before the time of Christ, certain Israelites left Jerusalem, went wandering afar and traveled all the way to America - long before Columbus. In America, these Israelites established a great civilization, with mighty cities - which flourished during the first four centuries after Christ.

During this time, the Saviour, himself, visited America - journeying among the populous rich cities. But the time came when the people of this Israelite civilization of America fell from grace, incurred the anger of the Lord, and thereafter they

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were lamanites - which is what the Mormons call the Indians.

All this was forgotten for long ages, until a little more than a hundred years ago - when Joseph Smith, near Palmyra, found plates of gold in an ancient language. Through miraculous means, he translated the mysterious inscriptions into English - and these told the forgotten story of the lost civilization of the Israelites in America.

Such was the revelation on which the Mormon Church was founded - and which is now being enacted in a pageant at Palmyra, New York.

BOY

Near Zanesville, Ohio today, they found Jerry Huffman, a three year old boy who had been missing. There was the usual frantic search, parents wild with anxiety. What had happened to the toddler, who had strayed away from his farmhouse home?

Well, they found Jerry at the edge of a cornfield, all tangled up in some vines that grew along a barbed wire fence. How Jerry did it, nobody can quite figure out -- but he got ~~x~~ into a maze of wild grapes and tied himself in a knot. He was caught in the vines and the barbed-wire fence, in such fashion that he was held in a position on all fours, on his hands and knees. He couldn't get out, couldn't even lie down and ~~xxxxx~~ spent the night like that, a chilly night, this August weather having turned cool.

Jerry was a sad three year old when they found him today, ~~xxxxxx~~ but there was nothing wrong with him that couldn't be fixed up with a warm bath, <sup>and</sup> a few cups of warm milk, followed by a warm bed.

And Jim followed, ~~by~~ as usual,  
by you, Nelson.