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There was fast action in Paris today -- fast all the way round. (Great Britain ^(and France) ~~and France~~) lost no time in sending invitations to twenty-two nations of Europe, for a get together on the Marshall Plan. Molotov was equally expeditious, if not moreso -- expressing the Soviet view with a breach of common courtesy. Having given the program for American aid to Europe a complete turn-down yesterday, he cleared out without even ~~xx~~ saying goodbye.)

Before dawn this morning a party of Russians went speeding to the airport at Le Bourget, and there took ~~xx~~ off in a plane bound for Moscow, Molotov and his aides, leaving in secrecy, pulling out without a single diplomatic flourish. The other foreign ministers of the Big Three, Bevin of Great Britain and Bidault of France, *having* no idea their Soviet colleague was going -- were surprised when they found he had left. When Molotov arrived in Paris last week, to begin the discussion, he was received by French Foreign Minister Bidault with all the ceremonies of state -- the red

carpet rolled out in most formal fashion, which elaborate arrival was in startling contrast to the departure today, Molotov ~~packing off~~ ^{packing up} without even a parting handshake.

It would be hard to think of anything more graphic than this in terms of common manners; very common! -- expression of a split between the West and the East! After which Bevin and Bidault emphasized the cleavage in their own fashion, taking prompt action on the Marshall Plan and leaving Soviet Russia out. They had a quick conference, and ^{then} Bevin flew back to London -- leaving Bidault and the French government to issue invitations for a general European parley. Twenty-two European countries are asked to join in a meeting to take concerted action for economic ~~xxx~~ recovery, and ^{for} estimating the amount of help needed from the United States.

The list of twenty-two includes everybody except Soviet Russia, which has declared itself out; ^{also} Franco Spain, Franco being persona non-grata; and

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Germany, which has no government. The list of twenty-two includes all the Soviet satellites -- Jugoslavia, Albania, Bulgaria, Roumania, Hungary, ~~Czechoslovakia~~ ^{Czechslovakia} and Poland. It is doubtful if any of the Red puppets will participate in the move to take advantage of the offer made by American ~~Mr~~ Secretary of State Marshall. No doubt they'll feel a great temptation to participate in the bounty of Uncle Sam -- but will the Soviets let them?

The Marshall Plan Conference is called for right away -- July twelfth in Paris.

GARSSON

The verdict in the Garsson case had a nerve-wracking suspense today. Not that there was much doubt about what the verdict would be. (After the forty-seven day trial the expectation was ^{that} the jury would say -- guilty. The three defendants were aware of that; -- seventy-two year old former ~~R~~ Congressman May and the two Garsson brothers, who built the seventy-eight million dollar empire of war contracts. So there was not much surprise when the foreman of the ~~jury~~ jury announced: -- "guilty," on all three ~~xx~~ counts of ~~perjury~~ bribery charged in the indictment.) The nerve-wracking suspense lay in the fact of how often that one word was repeated -- guilty -- over and over again, repeated one-hundred-and-eight times *in that Washington court-room today.*

According to formality the jury was polled; each one of the twelve -- seven men and five women. Each was called up to give his individual verdict on each of three charges against each of the three defendants. Twelve jurors times three charges, times three defendants; -- and, it took seven long

minutes while the word "guilty" was pronounced one-hundred-and-eight times.

Former Congressman May at seventy-two years took it like the Kentucky Country judge he used to be -- with dignity. As he listened to the intermitable ~~repetition~~ repetition of "guilty" he grew rigid and his ~~fingers~~ finger tips pressed hard against the top of the table for the defendants -- ^{but,} ~~xxx~~ he maintained his composure. To newsmen he said: "I have no comment. The case will be appealed".

Of the two Garsson brothers, the elder Dr. Henry Garsson displayed equal disposure. But it was different with the younger brother Murray Garsson, ^{a powerfully} ~~substantially~~ built man with a dark beard. He seemed about to crack under the strain. During the long seven minutes and when the last repetition of the word "guilty" had been pronounced he burst into tears and shouted defiantly. "I'm still not guilty". His ~~law~~ lawyer came to him and clapped a hand over his mouth to restrain a further outbreak of defiance.

Each of the three defendants faces a penalty of as much as six years in prison and a thirty thousand dollar fine. The federal judge will pronounce sentences in about two weeks -- pending an appeal.

HITLER

A dispatch brings a new turn in the never-ending rumors that Hitler may be alive -- this one concerning not the late Fuehrer himself but the wife he married in his last hours, Eva Braun. The story comes from Italy where they have been having a headline sensation -- the reappearance of Eva Braun. She is reported to have been found in a mountain town of northern Italy.

The facts are these: At the village of Fondo a woman ~~she~~ went to a bank to cash a check -- and to identify herself, ^{she} showed the cashier a passport, ~~was~~ made out in the ~~name~~ name of Eva Braun. The bank cashier, remembering all those stories about the marriage and death of Adolf Hitler, hurried to the police. To make suspicion keener it was known that American and British agents were investigating in the mountain villages of the neighborhood. ^{So the surmise} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~is~~ ^{already} that they had picked up secret word about Hitler's Eva Braun.

The next thing you know, the police

were converging on the village of Fondo and the Italian newspaper^s were printing sensational stories -- woven around the guess that Eva Braun had not perished with Hitler in the flaming fall of Berlin as she ~~was~~ was reported to have done. From which it was easy to ~~guess~~ guess that maybe Hitler had not perished either. Many people have had a similar hunch. And, if Eva Braun had been found in the mountains of northern Italy maybe Hitler was there too, lurking in disguise.

Today the wife of an Italian lawyer was amused by it all -- Mrs. Eva Braun Coppa. She's an Austrian woman who married a lawyer in the city of Milan and went for a vacation ~~time~~ to the mountain village, a favorite outing place -- where ~~she~~ her passport, with her maiden name, stated the sensation. She points out that it isn't uncommon for two people to have the same name. ^{That is} ~~in~~ Germany and Austria Eva is a familiar name and so is Braun. Like the Browns over here though the spelling is different.

As for the American and British agents investigating in the neighborhood, ^{it now develops} they are merely hunting around for some ~~ka~~ minor Nazi war criminals. All of which is vivid indication of the way rumors can be stirred up about Hitler. Or, as Mrs. Eva Braun Coppa put it today with a laugh, "the unseasonable heat must have effected some newspaper offices," said she.

GERMAN PRISONER

In London an appeal was made today to Queen Elizabeth -- an appeal in behalf of a young English woman, a German Prisoner of War, and their child. Olive Reynolds, a pretty blonde of twenty-one writes to ^{the} Queen: "I wonder if your Majesty will help us to get married."

The Prisoner of War is Werner Vetter, a twenty-two year old artist who yesterday was sentenced to a year in jail because of his romance with Olive Reynolds. In court he declared that he wanted to marry her and become a British Citizen. She was in tears telling him goodbye when they took him away. In her message to the Queen she said "If he must get a sentence I should get a sentence as well because ~~he~~ I am just as much to blame as he is."

I don't know what Queen Elizabeth will do about this but Olive Reynolds ~~is~~ getting ^{plenty} ~~proper~~ ⁷ popular support. An organization called "The Married Women's Association" has rallied to her help, holding a ~~mixing~~ meeting, and wanting to know if

British soldiers are allowed to marry German girls
why are British women forbidden to marry German Prisoners
of War. ¶ The "Married Women's Association" points out
sarcastically that the British Army has arranged for
special air transport to bring to Britian German
~~finances~~ fiances of British soldiers. ¶ A member of
Parliament announces that he will intervene, and
demand a cancellation of the jail sentence imposed upon
the German. - And, maybe ^{even} Queen Elizabeth will add her voice,
and help them to get married.

ERNIE_PYLE

Today, in the Far Pacific, a U.S. Army Combat Landing Barge took Ernie Pyle on his last trip - Ernie Pyle, the Laureat of the G.I.'s, who went on so many journeys, telling the story of the soldiers in the foxholes, He has left Ie Shima, where a Japanese bullet took his life. - ^{His leaving now is all} because of a reclamation project on that tiny island. The soldiers buried on Ie Shima are being taken to Okinawa. ^{There is a monument to Ernie on that small island. I wonder what they will do with it? P} His widow was asked - did she want her husband's body transferred to his home town, Alburquerque New Mexico. She replied, "No", Ernie is where he'd want to be - with his friends."

So today Ernie was taken to join a host of his fallen friends - on that island so bitterly fought for - Okinawa.

FLYING SAUCERS

(The mystery of the flying saucers is becoming fantastic with a whole string of witnesses in eight states all over the country and in Canada declaring that they have seen the weird objects speeding through the air.) They include a U. S. ~~meteorologist~~ meteorologist and the Lieutenant Governor of Idaho. What's it all about? Are the flying saucers some kind of secret ~~weapons~~ weapons, guided missiles, either American or foreign, or are people seeing things?

They were first reported ~~in~~ ten days ago by an aviator flying over the ~~Northwest~~ Pacific northwest--~~Who~~ told of seeing a flock of objects shaped like discs, going at great speed over mountain country. Since then dozens of witnesses have come forward. The U S meteorologist is E.E. Unger, of Louisville, Kentucky. He says that he saw a circular object speeding through the air on Tuesday night, going about a hundred miles an hour, and giving off an orange light.

The Lieutenant Governor of Idaho, Donald Whitehead, says he saw comet-like objects and estimated their speed at about twelve hundred miles an hour.

At San Francisco, sergeant of the state highway patrol, David Menary reports a dozen bright metal objects; "about the size of a football" said he. He adds that he saw them whizzing over San Francisco Bay while he was on duty at the Golden Gate Bridge.

In Denver Henry Martin, W. Harrod, and Harry Denny, insist that they caught a glimpse of a flock of bright objects travelling at about five thousand feet last night. Martin says they looked like coffee can tops flying southwest. Harry Denny just repeated the famous words of the Hoosier Poet Jas. Whitcomb Riley: What's the world a coming too?

At Bath, South Carolina Jack Reams tells of a flying saucer about twelve inches in diameter, which gave off a weird light. A woman at Monterey, California saw them today -- "quite rounded with a red glow on the edge," says he.

The Canadian report comes from eastern Canada, Prince Edward Island. Dr. and Mrs. C.K. Gunn and two friends say they saw strange objects moving at great speeds through the sky.

The latest is a statement by the Army Air Forces.-- They've been investigating the stories of the flying saucers. So what have they discovered? Nothing at all! The evidence they have been ~~as~~ able to find is so nebulous ~~that they~~ and vague that they dropped the investigation. "We feel it's ^{all} up in the ~~summa~~ clouds and we can't do anything until we get more concrete information," says the spokesman for the Army Air Forces.

INQUIRY

I have a letter here asking for some information -- a letter from Miss Coe Dowling of Wadsworth, Ohio, who refers back to a story we had some days ago. It concerned the mournful and dramatic plight of Britain's old man of the labor party to whom a special Parliamentary pension is being granted. His wife, the news account related, had been injured in the war time bombing of London.

Miss Coe Dowling is deeply sympathetic and asks to have one point made clear. She writes as follows: "On your program I heard you tell about the woman crippled in the blitz." Will you kindly tell me, she goes on; what part of the anatomy the blitz is, so that I may properly sympathize with the poor woman."

Which seems to hit me right square in the blitz, whatever part of the anatomy it may be -- I having got slightly tangled up with the great possibilities our American language has for ambiguity.

And now Nelson let's hear from you, and I hope, no ambiguity.