

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:\*

(Substitute for early story.)

Another outbreak of rioting at the strike -- bound Allis Chalmers Plant in Milwaukee -- the worst so far.

Nine policemen, four non-strikers, and an undetermined number of pickets were injured today when the ~~fr~~ free-for-all developed. One non-striker and one policeman believed to be badly hurt.

This afternoon, nine hundred policemen ~~xxxxxx~~ and deputies fought with fifteen hundred C.I.O. demonstrators at the plant, and the police made mass arrests -- more than a hundred pickets being taken into custody.

Harvey Johnson, a Chicago photographer, was bruised and lost his camera in the melee which he described as the worst he had seen in ten years of covering labor outbreaks.

LEWIS

Now that the dispute between Uncle Sam and John L. Lewis is in the hands of the Supreme Court, the high justices have ~~ix~~ decided to hear arguments on the Fourteenth of January.

The chief tribunal so we know, had been prepared to rush the hearings of this case, in view of the national crisis, but that's no longer necessary. So, the hearings will not begin until after the Eightieth Congress has met. All of which leads to the inference that ~~ix~~ the national lawmakers, in Congress, will put off any changes in the country's labor laws until . . . The Supreme Court has ruled in the case against Lewis and the United Mine Workers.

Both Senator Taft and other leading Republicans continue to repeat assurances that the Eightieth Congress will not pass any drastic anti-labor laws. At any rate, the Republicans will not offer any.

A group of sightseers jammed the Supreme Court room today, innocent folk who apparently hoped to be

present at an immediate decision of the court. But, the Supreme Court doesn't work that way. It doesn't go in for snap judgments.

Many mines are still idle, the miners saying they haven't received official orders to go back to work. According to the estimate of the Solid Fuels Administration, those who were back on the job today were twining out about a million and a half tons of coal. Before the strike, the figure was two-million-two hundred thousand tons a day.

Railroad workers were called back to work today, and employees in manufacturing were notified to be ready to return to their jobs. But it will take ten days to two weeks to get the steel mills working at a capacity. Some will have to fill their coal bins, others have the preliminary task of reheating their furnaces allowed to cool off during the strike.

## BIG FOUR

The Big Four Foreign Ministers have agreed to hold their next meeting on March 10, 1947. Subject of the meeting will be a peace treaty for Germany. Place of the meeting ~~will be~~ -- Moscow.

Secretary Byrnes agreed to Moscow as the site tonight after eliciting from the Russians a promise that the World Press will be free to report the proceedings there.

Molotov acquiesced to this American demand, but nothing has been said as yet about broadcasters operating from the Russian capital. At the present time, ~~the foreign broadcasters~~ <sup>all outside radio broadcast</sup> are banned from Moscow <sup>the</sup> air waves.

<sup>At any rate,</sup> ~~they~~ in Moscow, three months from now, the Foreign Ministers will start the arduous task of drafting the treaty for Germany -- <sup>the</sup> ~~a~~ treaty <sup>that</sup> ~~without~~ <sup>all</sup> ~~which~~ Europe <sup>needs.</sup> ~~cannot really return to normal~~

The treaty in its final form will have two objectives: The first, to make sure that Germany

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cannot re-arm for a period of at least fifty years.

Its second goal, ~~will be~~ to provide for a central German government and get that country's eighty million people back into the concert of world nations.

## SPAIN

General Franco today staged a defiant demonstration against the United Nations. According to those who do not like Franco and his Falangists, it was a forced demonstration. To get a crowd out, factory workers were each given one-half of a ticket. The other half they were to collect at the centers where the meetings were being held. In that way Franco could check on them.

The Spanish Dictator made a speech from the balcony of the Oriente ~~Rix~~ Palace, a speech a la Mussolini, in which he called the demonstration a manifestation of enthusiasm, unity and force. Said he: "This gives a solid reply to those abroad who stupidly speculate on our internal peace."

Then he challenged the United Nations, telling the world organization to attend to its peace-making and let the Spaniards attend to their own affairs. Adding that no one has any right to interfere in the affairs of another country. Also, he ~~pu~~ poked fun at the delays and debates of the United Nations.

The American and British Ambassadors gave orders that the wives of staff members should remain indoors. Also ~~that~~ all employees of the two embassies should avoid all public places where trouble might occur.

SYMINGTON

In Oklahoma City tonight, Assistant Secretary of War for Air Stuart Symington made a strong plea for a unification of all departments of national defense. Without such unification, <sup>said</sup> Symington, ~~added~~, the United States may suffer disaster in a future atomic war.

Then, <sup>he</sup> ~~the Assistant Secretary~~ went on to discuss the nature of that war, should it come, saying that, "An air raid warden of the future may see <sup>ONLY</sup> a light in the sky, but if he does, it may well signify destruction of forty American cities in forty minutes."

"The next Pearl Harbor," Symington concluded, "may be St. Louis, or Pittsburgh, or right here, <sup>(Okla. City),</sup> for there is increasing agreement that any future attack on the United States will come over the top of the world."

"Once Oklahoma City was protected by its central location," <sup>he added. But</sup> "Today, it is squarely on the new frontier," so said ~~Stuart Symington~~ Assistant Secretary of War for Air <sup>Symington</sup>.



## IRAN

More trouble in Persia. Last night, the Iranian Premier broadcast the announcement that he was going to send troops into Azerbaijan, the province <sup>that</sup> ~~which~~ earlier this year became Communist. The Communist leader of Azerbaijan retorted with a defiance to Premier Ghavam, said even the peasants of Azerbaijan would take up arms, <sup>then</sup> ~~then~~ throw the government's troops out, and, march on Teheran. The generals of the Iranian army tonight reported that they have government troops in force along the entire southern frontier of Azerbaijan, only waiting for the signal to march. There has been no important fighting yet on that front, except a skirmish; ~~where~~ rebel forces attacked <sup>ing</sup> ~~ed~~ the government troops.

The moment fighting breaks out, the <sup>word is</sup> ~~government~~ <sup>the</sup> government will arrest all the members of the Tudeh Party, <sup>IP</sup> the Communist party in Teheran. Government planes <sup>today</sup> ~~flew~~ over Azerbaijan, dropping pamphlets urging ~~that~~ the people ~~of Azerbaijan~~ <sup>to</sup> cooperate with the government.

## ISLAND

A lost island in the South Pacific, which has been disappearing and re-appearing like a jack-in-the-box for the last three hundred years, has been located once more.

Falcon Island has been found by the New Zealand Corvette Arbutus which reports that not only is the island now hiding coyly under five fathoms of water, but also that it has drifted from where it was last seen in Nineteem Twenty-Seven.

Locating the island is, of course, of importance to navigators. A mile-and-a-half long mass of volcanic rock, concealed by only five fathoms of water, can be plenty dangerous, moving around and just out of sight.

## CHURCHILL

Randolph Churchill, son of the great Winston, appeared in a Connecticut court today, acting as his own lawyer. There is a saying around the courts that a man who appears as his own lawyer is unfortunate in his client. Be that as it may, the son of the great War Prime Minister lost his case and was fined fifty dollars.

He contended that doing eighty miles an hour on the Merritt Highway was not <sup>re</sup>ckless driving, and told the court that if the Connecticut legislators had considered that speed reckless driving, they would have said so in the act.

The judge did not agree, told the young man that if other persons are on the highway, eighty miles an hour endangers their lives and is indeed reckless operation of an automobile.

~~Churchill protested that he had been driving~~

ELIZABETH

Princess Elizabeth, heiress presumptive to the throne of Great Britain and the Dominions Beyond the Seas, does not intend to marry Prince Philip of Greece and Denmark. In fact, she has not yet decided whom or when she will marry, and the public gossip over such things is the one thing that irritates her about her job. <sup>all</sup> This we learn ~~from a book written~~ about the ~~attractive~~ young Princess <sup>from</sup> by a British newspaperman who has covered Buckingham Palace for eighteen years.

The rumors of her engagement to Prince Philip of Greece and Denmark came from France, the source of many a spurious report. <sup>all</sup> ~~It was~~ based on <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ legend that the young Prince was applying for British citizenship in order to marry the Princess. <sup>#</sup> The fact <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ that British citizenship is not necessary to become a prince consort. The Princess can marry a national of any country she pleases, so far as British law is

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concerned. Anyhow young Prince Phillip of Greece  
British citizenship, not this year but in Nineteen  
Thirty-Nine; and he served in the British Navy all  
through the war.

## EUROPA

The sinking of the once famous German liner EUROPA in a French harbor has revived talk among seafaring men -- talk about the ill-fortune that has hounded the French mercantile marine for ~~xxxx~~ long years now.

No mishap ever befell the EUROPA while she was the pride of the German <sup>mercantile</sup> ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ fleet, one of the fastest and most luxurious liners ever to plow the high seas. And, all went well while she was under our flag - in service as a troop transport.

Then not long ago, we turned her over to the French, who rechristened her the LIBERTY. The French had her almost ready for trans-Atlantic service, as a luxury liner. But, tonight she lies on the bottom, in five fathoms of water.

All of which recalls the fate of the NORMANDIE, and, the burning of the great liner PARIS before the war.

Curiously enough, when the storm tore the EUROPA loose from her dock last night, she was blown across the sunken hull of the PARIS - smashing a hole in the

EUROPA'S side, through which the water poured in.

And all the pumps in the harbor were of no avail.

However, the French say they are not going to be discouraged. They already are making plans to refloat and rebuild her.

## SALMAN

Back in Nineteen Nineteen, a young Syrian shepherd claimed to have seen a divine vision. His name, Salman el-Mourchid. He lived among the Alouites, a Mohammedan sect of long traditions. He convinced his neighbors and his friends, and before long acquired the respect and rating of a holy man. At that time, the French were just taking up their Syrian mandate, and it was their policy to encourage any new leaders who sprang up, to offset the influence of the ~~established~~ established leaders who did not want the French around.

So Salman el-Mourchid became not only influential, but rich. He made a fortune selling hashish, acquired fifteen wives, eighteen children, and all the real estate belonging to the Alouite sect. According to a dispatch from Syria, he even built up a personal army of a thousand followers. Probably it was this that gave him so much power, that he was able



to hang any one of his wives who proved disobedient.

Incidentally, Salman el-Mourchid is a Lothario five-feet-five inches tall, tipping the scales at more than two hundred pounds.

When the British took over during the war, they were too busy getting ready for a possible Nazi invasion to pay much attention to Salman el-Mourchid. But after the war, when the Syrians regained the mastery of their own home, neighbors began to murmur against this once influential visionary. When he tried to use his army to take a village away from the peasants to whom the government had given it, there was a ~~fight, in fact a~~

battle, el-Mourchid's army against the <sup>Syrian</sup> ~~city and~~ gendarmes. <sup>In the battle Salman</sup> ~~Nothing happened to~~ el-Mourchid, <sup>came thru unscathed,</sup> but, one of

his wives was killed. <sup>AP</sup> The Syrian government arrested the man of fifteen wives, and he is now on trial, charged with having conspired against the security of the state,

obtaining weapons from the French, organizing an army, and committed plunder and murder.

On trial for his life, today's dispatch from Latakia reports that Salman el-Mourchid has lost some of his two hundred pounds, but still has the loyalty of some hundreds of followers, including an eighty year old warrior, the best marksman in his army, who was captured only after he had fired his last bullet.

And now a final shot from you, Nelson.

## ALLIS CHALMERS

More rioting in Milwaukee, at the Allis-Chalmers plant. The third riot in two weeks. C.I.O. strikers and sympathizers tried to stop non-strikers from leaving the plant. There were no casualties, the ~~xxxxxx~~ authorities dispatched nine hundred reserve policemen and deputies to keep order. And they arrested pickets by the scores.

## U.N.

The big topic at Lake Success today, again, was Spain. After a sub-committee yesterday voted down the objections of Uncle Sam and John Bull to break relations with Spain, the full committee of fifty-four nations took ~~xx~~ it up today.

In the end, the United States was beaten on one point. The full political committee of United Nations turned down our proposal that the United Nations ask Franco to quit. The vote over breaking off relations with Franco came to a dead heat, twenty four, twenty against. But they did vote, over-whelmingly, to recall all ambassadors and ministers from Madrid.

## BENNINGTON

William Travers Jerome, that's a name with a familiar ring to it. Remember William Travers Jerome the now legendary New York District Attorney? Well, a young man by the same name, with a "third" after it, is now a State's attorney in Vermont, at Bennington. And he's looking for a maroon sedan, — a fairly late model, <sup>—</sup> with a spotlight on it. That maroon sedan seems to be the only clue to the disappearance of an eighteen year old college girl, Paula Weldon, of Stamford, Connecticut, who has been missing from Bennington College since December First.

On that day this blonde five-foot-five sophomore wearing blue-jeans and a sweater, went for a hike on what is called the Long Trail. She hasn't been seen since. Both faculty and students at Bennington are much alarmed, as well as the girl's parents. The only clue is said to be that maroon

sedan, so says William Travers Jerome the third. And  
A Six Thousand dollar award is being offered for to  
anyone who turns in a clue that leads to the solution  
of this mystery of the missing Bennington Sophomore.