

CHURCH

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Two leading American churchman denounce the invitation a congressional committee sent to Hungarian Bishop Bereschky - a delegate attending the World Council of Churches, at Evanston, Illinois. They call it - improper and unfortunate. The Bishop of the Hungarian reformed ~~Church~~ <sup>Church</sup> - asked to testify about religious freedom in Red Hungary.

Yesterday, Bishop Bereschky dismissed the invitation with brusque words: - "Unworthy of a reply." ~~Said he~~. Today, however, he did make a reply, in a wire to committee chairman Congressman Bentley of Michigan. Saying: "your telegram received. Do not accept your invitation. Reason <sup>given</sup> ~~given~~ in telegram Dr. Fry."

Dr. Fry is President of the United Lutheran Church of America. <sup>Dr. Fry has</sup> ~~and~~ he wired Congressman Bentley that he considered the invitation - a "clear impropriety."

'This is backed up by Bishop G. Bromley Oxman of the Methodist Church, who calls ~~it~~ the Congressional

invitation "most unfortunate."

Congressman Bentley retorts - that he'd be glad to receive an invitation from Bishop Bereschky to go to Hungary and examine religious freedom under Communism there.

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## FOLLOW CHURCHES

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FORMOSA

News from the China Coast -- the nationalists on Formosa rushing ships, airplanes and soldiers to Quemoy, that's a small island the Nationalists hold -- some ten miles from the mainland Port of Amoy.

The Reds made a raid on Quemoy, a hit-and-run affair, which they're bragging about. The Nationalists belittle this exploit of the Communists, but, they<sup>a</sup>re rushing ~~reinfor~~ reinforcements to strengthen their hold on the island.

Quemoy could be of number one importance, if the Reds were to attempt an invasion of Formosa.

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In Paris, Premier Mendes France has a scheme -  
to delay the final crisis of E D C. Put off the fateful  
showdown.

Tomorrow, the French National Assembly begins a  
debate on the plan for a west European Army - to be followed  
by an inevitable rejection. But now Mendes-France is willing  
to make another try for a compromise.

The maneuver would go like this. The debate would  
begin on schedule. But the Premier would rise and announce -  
a new compromise proposal. Whereupon, the Assembly would vote  
a recess in the debate - until the new suggestion has been  
explored, with a renewal of negotiations.

( It remains to be seen how this diplomatic "feeler"  
in Paris will be received by the other countries connected  
with E D C. )

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HOOVER

The Hoover Commission has a new big job. Now -- assigned to investigate the spending of American taxpayers' money abroad. There has been plenty of complaint about the waste of millions of dollars in foreign aid. So now the commission on government organization, headed by former President ~~Warshaw~~ Herbert Hoover, will try to save a few millions for us overseas.

One angle is -- a useless duplication of effort. Various American agencies abroad -- doing the same things. For example, there are three of them -- each maintaining its own information service. When -- one information service would do.

(~~The Hoover Commission was formed for the purpose of streamlining the government over here. Now -- the group headed by the Former President will do a bit of streamlining abroad.~~)



The U.S. court of appeals has reversed the treason conviction of John David Provoo - an army sergeant captured by the Japanese at Corregidor. Convicted of having made propaganda broadcasts for the enemy, of turning against his fellow American prisoners, and of contributing to the execution of an Army Captain by the Japanese.

The Court of Appeals now find<sup>d</sup> that the trial of Provoo was unfair. Prejudiced - by the introduction of testimony which had no relation to the charge of ~~treason~~ treason. So now - a new trial is ~~are~~ ordered.

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## BASKETBALL

The New York State education commissioner has ordered - the reinstatement of ousted basketball coach Nat Holman who gets back his job as associate professor at City College, New York - with pay - from the time when they suspended him.

Holman was famed as "Mr. Basketball". But he was fired - after the basketball scandals a couple of years ago. His world beater teams at CCNY smeared by the bribery charges. He, himself, under fire. He charged his dismissal was "illegal", and is now sustained by the State Education Commissioner, Lewis Wilson. CCNY says "we have to comply with the decision."

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## RUBINSTEIN

In New York -- an alleged conspiracy to extort five hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars from Serge Rubinstein, the Russian born millionaire who has had so much trouble. The District Attorney set a trap in Rubinstein's luxurious New York apartment. Where three arrests were made.

Rubinstein has been in the news on and off -- in connection with draft dodging. The millionaire -- serving a two-year prison sentence. Followed by -- legal proceedings to deport him.

Meanwhile, a business man in Dallas, Texas, entered suit -- claiming Rubinstein owed him seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Later, the claim was assigned to Emanuel Lester, an ex-convict.

So now the charge is that Lester was trying to extort a settlement of the claim -- to the tune of five hundred and thirty thousand. He's accused of making threats. Rubinstein attacked on the street. A brick thrown through a window of

his home, with a note, saying: "Pay your debts! -- the next time you won't walk away."

The millionaire went to the District Attorney, and the trap was set. Lester arrested -- together with the janitor of the apartment house where he lives. The janitor -- charged with participating in the conspiracy. A third man -- held as a material witness.

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## UNION

A decision was handed down today, in the union dispute along the New York waterfront. The victory going -- to the old I.L.A. That outfit -- which was kicked out of the A.F. of L. on the charge of being dominated by racketeers.

An election was held in May -- with a new A.F. of L. union making a contest. But the <sup>old</sup> I.L.A. got a slender majority. Which, however, was challenged. Hundreds of votes called -- illegal.

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## ARCTIC

Two American vessels have broken through -- McClure Strait. Which may not have much meaning -- until you look at a map. The Arctic -- North of Canada. By crashing their way through the ice in McClure Strait, two U.S. icebreakers conquered -- the most direct route of the Northwest Passage.

Geographical history is full of the quest for a sea route around the top of North America. One explorer after another trying for it -- ever since the Fifteenth Century. The record -- full of suffering, bitterness, tragic disaster.

It wasn't until the present century that any vessel ever did make its way through the Northwest Passage -- and it was not by the most direct route. It was through the Prince of Wales Strait, which cuts down toward the south. McClure Strait runs west, from ~~Viscount~~ Melville Sound into the Arctic Ocean. After which -- there is open sea. ~~ARISE~~ Actually, by taking the route through McClure Strait, you could sail straight west from Greenland, and wind up in Siberia. But

it's rugged going -- through channels clogged by polar ice.

*has been*  
McClure Strait  $\lambda$  conquered ~~now~~ for the first time.

( Any possible utility of this exploit --- isn't clear.

Though there has been talk -- that the new atomic submarines might navigate from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Via -- that legended Northwest Passage.)

HURRICANE

The Hurricane season is on - with a howler blowing up toward Florida. Winds up to <sup>115 miles an</sup> ~~eighty miles an~~ hour - and the power of the storm is increasing. An American tanker is in the middle of the gale. Steaming - ~~in~~ right through the big wind. But the ~~skipper~~ skipper, in a wireless message says - he's not alarmed. The hurricane is headed in the direction of Cape Hatteras, but the weather forecasters believe it may turn to the northeast, ~~and~~ miss the Carolina shore.

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PATINO

In Rome today, Mrs. Joanne Connelley Sweeny Patino charged -- she was swindled, when she left her husband, the Bolivian heir to a tin fortune.

The former New York debutante and magazine cover girl fled from a honeymoon in Italy -- accompanied by a woman friend, Mrs. Dora deRandich. Who, she claims, took five of her suitcases containing a ten thousand dollar mink coat, thirty-seven pairs of shoes, and other valuable clothing. And -- handed them over to the husband -- Patino.

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BOY

In Winnipeg, they caught -- "The Snake." A seventeen year old boy tried to extort ten thousand dollars from a Winnipeg business man. By imitating -- a comic strip.

He wrote a blackmail letter, and signed it -- "The Snake." Ordering -- the business man to put ten thousand dollars in a paper bag, and leave it on a designated street corner. But don't think "The Snake" was dumb enough to figure -- he'd go to the street corner and pick up the money.

The technique in the comic strip was more complicated. "The Snake" wrote another letter to another individual, offering him a thousand dollars -- if he'd pick up the paper bag at the street corner, and place it in a telephone booth. That's where "The Snake" would go for the cash.

However, the comic strip failed to explain <sup>something else that</sup> ~~what~~ might happen. The Winnipeg business man went to the police, and so did the other fellow -- who was to pick up the bag of money. The cops told them to go through with the instructions.

Which they did -- with a couple of detectives waiting at the phone booth. Pretty soon, who should appear -- but "The Snake," coming for the loot. *and* —

*then* He wound up in a jail cell -- where he had plenty of time to read a few more comic strips. Something, we hope, like "Nancy" or "Little Orphan Annie."

## COOKS

This country of ours has won a triumph in a competition, at Zurich, Switzerland. Not that we took first prize -- that would be too much to expect. The United States comes in - third.

A culinary competition - various nations represented by teams of chefs. American cookery is not rated the best in the world -- not by foreigners, at least. Germany and Austria took first and second prizes. But the American team came in ahead of the French and Italian chefs, although France and Italy are regarded as being supreme in the culinary art. We scored heavily with a dish of creamed turkey -- and a lemon chiffon pie.

However, let's not swell up too much with pride -- or even with turkey and pie! Four American chefs were in the Competition; but one of them is a Frejchman by birth. Another -- an Italian by birth. Number three -- born in Switzerland. Number four a cook who came to God's country from England. And English cook by the

way with a somewhat French name, Hippolyte Haultcoeur.

And from Hippolyte Haultcoeur and Lemon Chiffon pie

we turn to Marble Cake. I mean Harry Marble.