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(In London tonight, the Labor government won a vote of confidence - on the subject of the nationalization of steel.) It looked like a dangerous crisis for the Cabinet of Prime Minister Attlee. But the Laborites prevailed by a vote of three hundred and eighty to two-hundred-and-ninety-eight - a majority of ten!

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The Liberals teamed with the Conservatives, but the Labor Government came out with a margin; slim but, larger than expected.

BIG FOUR

Secretary of State Acheson says the Moscow reply represents a move toward a conference of the Big Four - on the terms proposed by the Western Powers, who want to discuss the broad<sup>est</sup>~~est~~ issues of the cold war. But the Secretary ~~is~~ calls it - "A grudging move" impeded by noisy Russian insistence that the big issue is the rearmament of western Germany, to which the Soviets are so much opposed.

~~At the same time, the Secretary of State made an accusation against the Red satellites, Roumania, Hungary, and Bulgaria - charging them with violating the peace treaties made at the end of World War Two. He says their armed forces are far beyond the limits imposed by the treaties.~~

SOVIET LEND LEASE

(The United States has sent a demand to Soviet Russia to hand back six hundred and seventy two naval vessels.) Might seem odd at this late date for the Reds to get ships from us. Of course it happened in the old days, <sup>(which they got in)</sup> the generous old days of Lend-Lease.)

Every other country has settled its account with the United States. But, Russia has still made no settlement in the matter of eleven billion dollars worth of lend-lease. Figures released tonight show that the United States ~~has~~ scaled the figure down to much less than ten percent of the total, asking a mere eight hundred million dollars. But, Moscow in return has offered only a fraction of that. And so, we now ask for the return of the six hundred and seventy-two lend-lease naval vessels we let Uncle Joe and his people have.

## FRANCE

In the French Assembly today, Premier Pleven stated that, in Washington, President Truman and Secretary of Defense ~~George~~ Marshall promised him that the United States will never launch a "preventive war." That is, will never begin hostilities in anticipation of a Soviet attack. This the Premier gave as an important result of his recent visit to the United States - when he conferred with the President and other government leaders. He assured the French Assembly that President Truman is ~~as~~ as anxious as France to keep the Korean conflict from spreading into World War III.

after which Premier Pleven demanded what amounted to a vote of confidence on his foreign policy, and got it by an overwhelming majority. Four-hundred-and-one to one-hundred-and-eighty-two - the minority consisting of only the Communists and their allies.

## ITALIAN REDS

The Communist Party in Italy seems to be blowing up, with an explosion of Titoism. Today, a high ranking leader quit the Red faction - accusing Communist bosses of intimidating party members who refused to put Soviet Russia above their own country, Italy. This follows a previous defection of two top Communists, about which we heard last week - they turning against the party for the same reason, Titoism.

Moreover, at Florence, many Communists refuse to take out their party cards for nineteen fifty-one and throughout Italy, local reports tell of an increasing anti-Soviet feeling among both leaders and the rank and file of the Reds.

We hear there's a split, also in the national leadership - over a proposal for a purge. One faction, fanatically Stalinist, demands a ruthless elimination of all Italian Communists who refuse to place Russia above Italy;- while a more moderate group opposes any such utter submission to the Soviets.

~~Today's dispatch from Rome states that an~~

~~appeal~~ has been sent to Togliatti, the number one Italian Communist who is now in Moscow - recuperating from an illness, it is alleged! - "Togliatti come back, and suppress the outbreak of Titoism!" That, we are ~~told is the call.~~ <sup>R</sup> While, at the same time, <sup>T</sup> the labor chief of the Italian Communist party, Di Vittorio, is reported to have been summoned to Moscow - to answer for the recent abject failure of the Red demonstrations during the visit of General Eisenhower at Rome. They say it looks as if Di Vittorio may have been selected as the scape-goat, a sacrifice to Soviet anger - as the Italian Communist party seems to be disrupted by Titoism. <sup>R</sup> Still later news - another leader of the Communist party quit in Italy this afternoon, the Red ~~xxx~~ mayor of a town in the industrial ~~ix~~ belt of Piedmont.

CZECHS

The United States has turned down a protest from Red Czechoslovakia. The ~~news~~ news dispatch from Prague says:- "roughly rejected." And,;- "tough language."

The Red regime complained that U.S. planes had violated the Czechoslovak sky - flying over ~~xx~~ red territory, without permission. Diplomatic ~~language~~ language is famous for being polite, if not obscure.

So here's how it sounds when its rough and tough:

*Our reply to the Czech Reds reads:-*

"It is readily apparent to the United States government,

~~says the American reply,~~ "that the note on this

subject was not drafted on the basis of a fact."

Diplomatic way of saying; "you're another!"

## KOREA

Tonight (United Nations artillery once more looks down from the hills around Seoul; the Korean capital within easy range.) Today there was a general advance of the U N Forces, for eight miles. The Reds have retired to new defense lines just south of the Han River which flows through the southern outskirts of Seoul, and these are already imperiled.

Two American armored columns smashed through Communist defenses. One was held up by enemy fire from a dominating hill, but that was remedied by U N infantry - in a bayonet charge. The G I's stormed the hill, and cut down the Reds with gunfire and cold steel. After which the tanks made the junction with the other armored column, trapped a Communist force, and, brought the artillery to those hills overlooking Seoul.



## KOREA - HELICOPTERS

Another classic rescue by helicopter - in the great work done by those egg-beaters on the Korean battlefields.

Last night a scout plane spotted eight wounded American soldiers on the ground - waving for rescue. So the word was flashed immediately to the helicopters - come and get them. But it was too late; - darkness at hand.

Today, at crack of dawn, two helicopters escorted by "fighters," went buzzing to the scene. The eight wounded were still there - darkness having covered them from the Reds. So the helicopters, piloted by Captain Dan Miller and Lieutenant Ernie McQuarrier, sank hovering to the ground. The two pilots, with their two medical men, started carrying the wounded to the flying machines.

But, by now, Communist attention had been attracted, and rescuers and patients found themselves

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under fire. Red soldiers came to kill or capture them - and the helicopter men had to fight it out with pistols, "Forty-Fives." They could not, of course, have won the battle - but the fighter planes came to their aid, driving the Reds off with machine gun fire.

After which the rescue was completed - the helicopters making two trips, taking two at a time, and saving all eight of the wounded G I's.

REMINGTON

The latest tonight - Remington found guilty. ~~It~~ In New York City, (a mere hour ago, a Federal Jury convicted William W. Remington, former official of the Department of Commerce - guilty of perjury, when he swore he was not, and had never been, a Communist.) Remington faces a ~~maximum~~ maximum of five years in prison, and a fine of two thousand dollars.

## PRICES

Economic Stabilizer Eric Johnston warns that there will be further increases in the cost of living during the next few months. (But - prices should be stabilized by mid-summer.) He told a new<sup>'</sup> conference that various price adjustment<sup>'</sup> are necessary, and, this will push up the cost of living. Which, however, ~~which~~ should then remain stable from the middle of summer to the end of the year.

## SUBSTITUTE STRIKE

Late word from the Middle West tells of signs that the strike of switchmen is ending. \*\*x  
At St. Louis the word was that the strikers would return on the midnight shift. - And the Chicago & northwestern reports numbers of switchmen reporting for duty.

WRECK

Two investigations are on in the New Jersey railroad disaster last evening - where eighty <sup>-two</sup> ~~one~~ lives were lost when a commuter ~~is~~ train ran off the rails, and crowded passenger cars plunged from a trestle. Today the F B I sent investigators to look into - the "possibility of sabotage." <sup>also</sup> The New Jersey Attorney General went to the scene to make an inquiry into - "the possibility of criminal negligence." The cause of the wreck on the Pennsylvania may have been the sagging of the trestle - which was newly built.

This afternoon the engineer of the locomotive, who is in the hospital injured, admitted that he ran the train on the trestle at twice the speed <sup>he was</sup> ~~permitted~~ <sup>supposed to be traveling,</sup> ~~by regular rule.~~ He says he was going fifty miles an hour; while the <sup>regulations say</sup> ~~rules name~~ twenty-five miles an hour <sup>for</sup> ~~as the speed for~~ crossing the trestle.

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<sup>by the way,</sup> The engineer <sup>^</sup> stated that there was no caution signal ~~seen~~ <sup>to</sup> warning of the approach <sup>of</sup> the trestle.

## GAMBLING

A Louisiana sheriff admitted today that ~~he~~ his office ran what amounted to - an employment agency for gamblers. Strange, indeed - gambling being illegal in Louisiana.

Sheriff Frank Clancy (~~appeared today~~) before the Senate Crime Investigating Committee (~~to clear himself of a charge of contempt.~~) On a previous occasion ~~he~~ refused to answer questions. But he did plenty of answering today. He admitted that gambling <sup>houses in</sup> his bailiwick, ~~houses~~ operated openly, <sup>and he went on to</sup> ~~and said that~~ <sup>that</sup> this was of ~~some~~ benefit to old and unfortunate people; Because they could get jobs in the gambling houses. So, in his sheriff's office, his deputies ~~had~~ made it a practice to procure ~~such~~ such work for them.

To which Senator Tobey of New Hampshire remarked: "In other words, the sheriff's office runs an employment agency for gamblers."

"You might call it that" replied the sheriff.

## BEAUTY

Here's a plaintive sigh heaved by a beauty-contest winner, Miss California, and a runner-up for the culminating ~~xx~~ crown of Miss America. Shirley Ballard moans, she wishes it had never happened.

She tells how, in college out in California, she had a boy friend on the campus, who encouraged her to enter competition for beauty's crown. She did, and became a headline lovely - but what happened?

"It went to my head" says she. "I finished high enough to think I was something special, and went home - to give the boy friend a one week course in the cool - and -distant treatment. The last I heard, Shirley says mournfully - "he's married and has two swell kids."

She tells of three other beauty contest headliners, to whom the same thing happened. They developed so much glamour, they gave the original boy friend the brush-off. "So far as I know" says Shirley, "they are still trying to land a guy." ~~There~~ ~~was another who got married. "But she had a narrow~~



~~escape," Shirley relates. "She got it fixed in her mind that she wanted to win the "Mrs. America" contest. But her husband said he'd throw her out of the window if she entered another one of those things. That stopped her." And Shirley adds: "She was the only~~

~~one with brains in the whole bunch."~~ <sup>IF</sup> The beauty contest fever would seem to be <sup>a</sup> dangerous illness.

"I don't know of any," she reflects, "who didn't let it go to their heads in one way or another. At least two I know got the beauty-contest-bug so bad, they are still grabbing every chance to wear a swim suit and high heels. For instance," she adds, "one allowed herself to be named Miss Sour Cream of Nineteen Forty Nine. Quite a name of for a beauty, <sup>Nelson</sup> - <sup>a</sup> Miss Sour Cream.

WAITRESSES

In Australia, at the town of Cootamundra,  
the waitresses were driven to distraction- at the  
Albion Hotel. That swanky resort has a rule that, in  
- just as in the main dining room here at Mt T,  
the dining room, men must wear coats, and the waitresses  
are required to enforce the edict. But, <sup>winter</sup> ~~Australia~~ <sup>unlike the cold</sup>  
and deep <sup>record</sup> snow here at Tremblant, <sup>Australia</sup>  
below the Equator, is having a heat wave, and the male  
customers have ~~not~~ not only been shedding their coats  
but have also been taking off their neckties. Opening  
the collars of their shirts; - its that hot. The poor  
waitresses have been driven to distraction - telling  
the men they'd <sup>just</sup> have to put on their coats and neckties,  
and getting nowhere.

Today the startling thing happened in the  
swanky dining room <sup>there at Cootamundra -</sup> when the waitresses appeared  
without their dresses. They marched about in undies  
and brassieres, as they served the steaks, chops  
and ice cream.

Driven to distraction, driven to the defiant  
spirit of - we'll show them; they sure did, <sup>in</sup>  
Cootamundra, Nelson.