

BRITISH PROTEST

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From London a growl from the British lion. A statement from Foreign Minister Bevin which <sup>will</sup> ~~may~~ have repercussions in this hemisphere. Bevin telling the House of Commons that Britain is prepared to uphold her rights in the Antarctic, Central America and Africa.

Referring to the Argentine and Chilean landings on ~~those~~ Antarctic possessions claimed by Britain, Bevin dubbed them illegal, and in calm matter of fact tones, he told the members of Parliament that "all flags and tokens of sovereignty left behind by the two South American nations have been removed". Removed by British sailors.

The British Foreign Minister went on to say that <sup>the</sup> British Governor of the Falkland Isles, Sir Miles Clifford, is <sup>now</sup> on a tour of <sup>far southern waters,</sup> ~~Antarctica~~ in a British cruiser, to assert Britain's claim to the Falkland and lesser islands <sup>as well,</sup> in that area. Further, <sup>he added that</sup> ~~there~~ Britain has enough strength on the spot to cope with any threat of invasion to British Honduras. <sup>TP</sup> British ships of war ~~have~~ <sup>on their way</sup> also ~~been dispatched~~ to Accra on the <sup>African Gold</sup> ~~Gold Coast~~.

Coast of ~~Africa~~ to cope with rioting natives.

Britain using her depleted Navy - now <sup>at</sup> ~~low~~  
half of its pre-war strength - to protect the outposts  
of her empire, and taking immediate action in Antarctica  
by removing the flags left on her possessions by other  
nations.

## MARSHALL PLAN

There was an explosion in the Senate today - this in the form of an amendment to the European Recovery Plan, an amendment loaded with dynamite. Senator Ball of Minnesota introduced a proviso to be added to the Marshall Plan, what is called "A rider." <sup>Senator Ball's amendment</sup> ~~THIS~~ calls for an alliance among the free nations of the west against Soviet Russia.

The Senator's idea is to establish a new supreme council of the United Nations, which would take over the job of enforcing the peace. Which of course, would by-pass the Security Council of the U.N. - bypass that Soviet veto. It would, in fact, line up the free nations against the Soviet - all as a part of the European Aid Plan.

The reverberations to this amendment were immediate. Senate President Vandenberg charged to the attack, saying the amendment was - "impossible." Vandenberg, the number one Republican on foreign affairs, assailed his fellow G.O.P. Senators. He said the "rider" would sink the Marshall Plan. Vandenberg declared that, if



anti-Soviet ~~xx~~ conditions were put into the E.R.P., some of the ~~six~~ sixteen Marshall-Plan-nations would have to withdraw - they not being in any position to act in direct defiance of the Soviets.

To which Senator Ball retorted by declaring that the Marshall Plan would ~~not~~ fail, if we depend on economic aid alone to stop Communism - mere dollars against the Reds. He made 't clear that there's a faction of Senators who want a clear cut statement of what the government is prepared to do by way of political or military measures, should the Marshall Plan fail to check ~~a~~ Soviet ~~ag~~ aggression.

The whole thing is loaded with political dynamite, and produces a new uproar in the debate over the European Recovery Program - which Senator Vandenberg is trying to hurry to a vote by March Fifteenth.



## WESTERN ALLIANCE

From the State Department - a promise to back up a political union of Western Europe, if one is formed. Undersecretary of State Lovett declared today that this country welcomes the attempt that <sup>is</sup> now being made to establish a defensive alliance between Great Britain, France, Belgium and Luxembourg, an alliance against any aggression with a glance toward the East. <sup>TP</sup> Negotiations begin with the opening of a conference at Brussels tomorrow, and the hope is for an alliance that ~~will~~ eventually <sup>will</sup> be expanded to include other free nations of Western Europe. In other words, a western union, as suggested by Foreign Secretary Bevin of Great Britain.

Under Secretary of State Lovett, ~~did not go into details about the measures the United States might take.~~ <sup>today,</sup> speaking in broad terms ~~he~~ indicated that this country will give complete moral support and maybe practical guarantees - to a political union of the free nations of western Europe.

## ITALY

In Rome today, the leaders of political parties opposed to the Communists, rejected a Red protest against the Vatican - a leftist complaint about the intervention of the church in Italian politics. Pope Pius the Twelfth has issued a call for all catholics to vote against the Communists and their Allies in the forthcoming election - and at the same time, Ecclesiastical authorities have issued an order refusing the sacraments to the Reds.

This is the first time in a long while that the church has taken an open stand in an Italian election - and the Vatican is said to have been impelled to action because of the Red Seizure of Czechoslovakia and the impending Communist menace in Italy. Today's Red protest was turned down by the leaders of the anti-Communist parties on the ground that it was not within their jurisdiction.

FINLAND

The report from ~~Rintä~~ Finland is that President Paasikivi has told the Soviets that Finland will not form an alliance with Russia along the lines <sup>of</sup> ~~the~~ the treaties Moscow imposed on puppet states like Romania and Hungary. In these ~~threaties~~ treaties there's a clause that would bring the satellites on the Soviet side in a war with the western powers - and the Finns don't want anything of the sort. However, save for that important point, the government at Helsinki is said to ~~be~~ be ready to negotiate with Moscow for some kind of mutual assistance pact.



PALESTINE

The latest act of terrorism in Palestine <sup>is</sup> ~~is~~ <sub>^</sub> virtually a duplicate of the blowing up of the Atlantic Hotel in the Jewish quarter of Jerusalem, where fifty-three Zionists were killed. This time it's the other way around, a four hundred pound barrel bomb on a truck blasting the commercial center of the Arab port of Haifa, seventeen ~~more~~ Moslems, <sup>and</sup> killed <sub>^</sub> fifty injured, according to the report. This, ~~is~~ ~~is~~ attributed to Jewish Extremists in retaliation for the Jerusalem horror - a telephone message claiming the Haifa explosion for the Stern Gang.

MACARTHUR

Here's a headline - MacArthur speaks. Our Supreme Commander in Japan gives Congress his opinion on the problem of China and what to do about it.

Congress invited General,

MacArthur to appear before the House Foreign Relations Committee, and give his advice on China - and, as we know, there's a campaign on to nominate the Supreme Commander for President. So the MacArthur boosters had visions of their hero journeying ~~from~~ from Japan to Washington and incidentally enjoying <sup>the</sup> ticker-tape ovations, ~~which that~~ MacArthur is sure to get when he finally returns home.

~~Not so bad for the hurrah that you can use in nominating a candidate.~~

So, now MacArthur speaks, ~~but he didn't arrive in Washington today, not in person, or we'd be hearing the bullbales across the country. He sent~~ <sup>in</sup> a message ~~explaining~~ explaining to the Congressional Committee that he <sup>can</sup> ~~could~~ not come in person, ~~can~~ <sup>can</sup> not leave Japan right now, because of the pressure of duty. So that would seem to put the quietus on the talk of MacArthur coming home for a big political ballyhoo.

All of which concludes the Presidential political angle of this news report, which now goes on to the larger phase of world affairs; - ~~to delight our global~~



~~speech~~ But, <sup>and</sup> jokes aside, the advice that General Douglas MacArthur gives to Congress is impressively to the point.


He says that he is no authority on China, which is not in his own sphere - he being limited to Japan. But as a matter of ~~general~~ general far eastern policy, he states that the problem in China is essentially - military. MacArthur says he realizes the need for political and economic reform in China - badly needed. But he believes that the question of reform will have to wait until peace is ~~xxx~~ restored - the Red Civil War put down. Which is a military matter. MacArthur emphasizes the importance of the Far East, and says the major menace is Communism - the advance of what he calls the "political despotism" of Moscow.

CONDON

( A committee of atomic scientists has issued a blast against the attack on Dr. Edward Condon, Director of the Bureau of Standards. The statement, signed by Dr. Albert Einstein and Dr. Harold Urey of the University of Chicago ) - condemns the accusation made by the committee on un-American activities charging that Dr. Condon has associated with American Communists and Soviet Spies.

TP "Vague allegations! - no ground for suspicion! - a ~~dis~~ disservice to this country!", say the scientists.

~~Meanwhile, there's word in Washington that the FBI has found no evidence of personal disloyalty against Dr. Condon - this in spite of the fact that the un-American activities committee cited a letter signed by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the F.B.I. There are insistent reports that a part of the J. Edgar Hoover letter was withheld.~~



## EXPLOSION PLOT

The New York City police had an anxious time today, following the discovery of plans that indicated a plot to blow up six communication centers in the city. They might have been the work of a crank; *for* they ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> crudely drawn, ~~on loose sheets of paper,~~ with maps and time symbols; or, they might mean a *plot* ~~sinister plot~~ *of larger meaning.*

The alarm was given ~~shortly after three~~ <sup>late today</sup> ~~thirty~~ when a post office official found an envelope with five sheets of paper torn from a loose leaf note-book, ~~the whole~~ marked - plan one:-Vodka, five to five fifteen, D. Day." Then followed maps of the Pennsylvania Station, the General Post Office, and other vital areas. *with the maps a note reading! -* ~~with this ominous note~~ "twenty-five <sup>Also: -</sup> men and women board train one hour before," in suit cases new high explosive bombs, leave suitcases on platform, mingle with ~~xxx~~ crowd, and vanish. Meet at H.Q." For each communication center named there *were* ~~was~~ similar instructions.



~~Were these plans the work of a crank,~~  
~~or the notebook of some author of mystery stories~~  
~~drawing up his plots?~~ The police took no chances. Two  
hundred <sup>of them plus</sup> ~~cops~~ railway detectives, subway employees  
and board of transportation workers joined in a <sup>wide</sup> ~~vast~~  
search for explosives. They stopped everyone carrying  
big bundles in the stations, checking their identifications  
and the contents of ~~these~~ <sup>at</sup> bundles every spot mentioned  
in the <sup>papers.</sup> -- Plan Vodka. Meaning what  
we <sup>don't know.</sup> ~~strange dossier was visited searched and guarded.~~

Nothing happened, so it may have been just  
plain hocus-pocus, but the documents in the hands of  
the police had a sinister import. How the envelope  
containing the plans came to be detected, we are not  
told, but the fact remains it was discovered, and the  
police were quickly on the job - comforting news for  
the citizens of New York - an alert police force ready  
for an emergency - even for plan Vodka.

## COMMUNISTS

In Washington, a federal district court jury tonight found Harold R. Christoffel guilty of six charges of perjury growing out of his denial that he is a communist. Christoffel, a Milwaukee labor leader, and a former President of a united automobile workers local, was accused ~~and~~ specifically of lying to the House Labor Committee last March when he denied he ~~was~~<sup>was</sup> or ever had ever been a member of the Communist party. He faces a maximum penalty of sixty years imprisonment under the District of Columbia perjury law.

## HOLLYWOOD

The rumor burst upon Hollywood recently, when a fashionable night spot received a telegram ordering elaborate festivities for an engagement party, and the wire was signed - Lana and Bob. So how can you account for that? Today, Lana explained - the telegram was sent by good time Johnny Meyers. Yes, he's still up to his pranks according to the beautiful movie actress. You'd think that the frolicsome press agent, after all the high jinx of the Howard Hughes investigation in Washington, might have calmed down a bit - not so many jokes and whimsies. However, Lana Turner declares that the telegram ordering an engagement party for herself and the tin plate heir was sent by good time Johnny Meyers in one of his moods of pixy humor.

Today Lana had, likewise, a comment to make on a declaration uttered by Arline Judge - and a powerful declaration it was. Arline told the newsmen that she would never divorce her husband, and added



that Lana would be ninety years old before she ever married Bob.

"That," remarked Lana today, "was an awful thing to say." Well, it sure was. Imagine a film beauty waiting until she's ninety before getting married. That is, getting married the next time.

ALABAMA

A candidate for President arrived in Washington today, and what a lot of trouble he left behind him in Alabama. Governor Jim Folsom has been a foremost figure in the revolt of the south against President Truman and his racial policies - Governor Jim announcing himself as a candidate for <sup>the</sup> Democratic nomination in opposition to Truman. <sup>R</sup> So what have we now in Alabama? It is painful to relate. Alabama is in a political turmoil. The news today relates that a young woman has entered suit against Governor Jim - a paternity suit. ~~W~~ Well, the joys of fatherhood are famous in song and story, and paternity is a noble thing - but not a paternity suit. Especially when ~~you~~ you're a candidate for President. *He's in Washington to appear before a Senate committee that is studying the Tideland <sup>oil</sup> problem.* Governor Folsom has had an adventurous ~~a~~ career - a sailor for two years, and at one time a doorman at a New York theatre after which - high political success. In the election for Governor two years ago, he earned <sup>the</sup> a nickname - "Kissin' Jim." That was because of a new electioneering technique that he developed, a technique of kissing women voters. He is said to have boasted that during the campaign

he kissed fifty thousand Alabama women. Which is a lot even when you're a gallant Southerner. Anyway, *Kissin'* Jim was elected Governor. Not only that - now comes the paternity suit. The Plaintiff is Christine Johnston, a farmer's daughter, who used to be a hotel clerk.

Arriving in Washington today, ~~on Presidential candidate business,~~ *Kissin'* Jim was beaming and smiling. That is, until the newsmen asked him about the law suit entered by the former girl hotel clerk down in Alabama. <sup>Then</sup> he became stern and ~~quite~~ silent, and refused to answer questions. But, *Kissin'* Jim was soon himself again. Entering his Washington hotel, he noticed a girl - a hotel clerk. Whereupon he beamed at her and remarked with his gallant Southern drawl: "My, but you sure are pretty, Miss."

All of which makes a lively addition to ~~the~~ Presidential politics, this election year.

*And now something lively from  
you, Nelson.*