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Here is something that was said in confidence, and should not have been repeated - but repeated it was.

Something said by Secretary of State Marshall in Paris yesterday, when he talked to a private group that included Trade Union Representatives from Western Democracies.

The Secretary of State spoke freely, because it was all supposed to be confidential - off the record. Some newsmen who were present kept the confidence, but others did not, and went ahead and quoted Secretary Marshall; - one remark especially.

Today the newsmen who observed the conditions of silence went to the American Delegation in Paris, and protested against the ones who had violated the confidence. To which the delegation responded that, since Secretary Marshall had been quoted by some, there was no way now to keep the secret. The Marshall remark will be repeated widely - a reflection of how the Secretary of State regards the Berlin Crisis.

Speaking of the food blockade, he said: "If anything

is a threat to peace - short of cannon going off - this is it."

He reviewed the series of provocative acts committed by the Soviets in their hunger blockade of Berlin, and pointed out that, in the past, any of these might have led to war. To which he added: "If there ever was in time of peace a threat to peace, it is that blockade."

So that is the view which the Secretary of State is taking with him, as he flies from Paris to Washington-- to give President Truman a personal account of Berlin-crisis-angles in the proceedings of the United Nations. But he is expected to tell the President that ^(there) ~~there~~ is still what the news dispatch calls - "A kernel of hope."

Hope of an agreement.

~~Today neither the General Assembly nor the Security Council were in session, and the Council President took advantage of this - putting in a day of busy negotiations. He is ~~bringing~~ ^{the delegate from} Argentina, who right now is acting for Delegations of the smaller nations - in trying to find a compromise between the Western Powers and Soviet Russia. Their feeling is that both the Western Powers and Soviet~~

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Tonight President Truman stated his hope in these words: "I believe that our prayers will be answered, and that we will have peace." He was making a major address at Buffalo, New York, ending a campaign swing through the eastern states.

SPAIN

A late story from Washington gives intimations concerning the American attitude toward Franco Spain - a matter that's being discussed a good deal. What are called "high quarters" are reported as indicating that the United States Government believes that it would be well to lift some of the restrictions that the United Nations has imposed on Spain - for example, the withdrawal of Ambassadors from Madrid.

But this Washington dispatch adds that our Government is still opposed to admitting the Franco Dictatorship into the United Nations or into the Marshall plan.

FRANCE

Turmoil in France, ^{North} eastern France, ^a ~~the~~ coal /line area -- where a strike has been going on for twelve days. Today brought the first violence. Near Nancy, Communist led steel workers took over a plant, and then beat off the security forces -- in a battle of tear gas bombs versus a barrage of bricks. And a town in Lorraine was the scene of a pitched battle, Red strikers hurling volleys of paving blocks at the police.

The casualties today were one striker killed and eighty strikers and police injured -- in the flare-up of violence in the French coal strike.

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BRITAIN

The scandal in Britian, about which we heard ~~the~~ night before last, has become so grave that today Prime Minister Attlee announced that an official government investigation would be held. The Prime Minister took notice of the charge that huge quantities of merchandise intended for export under the British Program of, "Export on Pie" - have been diverted into the domestic market, the local British Black Market. The intimations are that high officials in the Labor Government are involved. So now Attlee promises what he calls - "A full judicial inquiry", the result of which is to be announced by the Lord Chancellor, Lord Jewitt, Britian's highest legal authority.

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program, with shortages at home. The newspapers have been pointing out how impossible this would have been, except with the connivance of the Government Ministry in charge of exports. The board of trade. One report is that J. W. Delcher, the Parliamentary Secretary for the Board of Trade, is under investigation.

Today's announcement by the Prime Minister makes mention of the charge that the Board of Trade has been influenced by money from a member of a football pool - a betting syndicate that deals in gambling on football. Also, that money has been paid to obtain permits to import equipment for what the Attlee statement calls - "Fun Fairs." That's English for - "Street Carnivals."

Well, it's all so serious that the Labor Government is not finding it any "Fun Fair."

LEWIS

The United Mine Workers took official action today in declaring against President Truman and giving an implied endorsement to Governor Dewey. At the Convention in Cincinnati, John W. Lewis repeated his violent attack upon the President-candidate, calling him an enemy of the mines. And his view was embodied in a Committee resolution as follows: "As to the office of the President," says the resolution, "it is unnecessary for this committee to point out that the present incumbent in the White House is no friend of the United Mine Workers of America."

The implied endorsement of Governor Dewey is expressed in a statement that the Republican candidate has, in the words of the resolution - "never uttered any statements that reflect upon the integrity of the Union, its officers or members."

POPULATION

Here's a bit of news that reminds me of a talk I had with Governor Warren of California at the time of the Republican Convention. He was on this program with me, and reminded us that, when the political parties hold their next conventions, California will have ~~much~~ much more influence -- larger delegations. Because the State has been increasing greatly in population, *Q*nd this will show politically after the next census in Nineteen Fifty - when there will be a re-apportionment, new figures for representation.

Tonight in Washington an announcement was issued by Congressman Rees of Kansas, Chairman of the Civil Service Committee of the House of Representatives. He states that in Nineteen Fifty-two, California stands to gain seven new seats in Congress. That would give California forty-six members in the House of representatives, second only to New York and Pennsylvania.

Six other states will gain in representation --

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Washington, Oregon, Michigan, Indiana, Texas and

Florida -- one each. Other states will lose --

New York for example, will drop two congressional
seats.

SUB BASEBALL

Tonight the baseball world is ringing with praise of the purple heart veteran, hero of the sinking of the Cruiser Helena in the southwestern Pacific --

Gene Bearden, whose injuries in battle were such that he has an aluminum plate in the back of his head and another aluminum plate screwed in his right knee.

Last Monday he won the American League pennant for Cleveland. Today, he scored a victory in the third game of the world series - another shut out. Gene

Bearden was not only the pitching star, but won his own game at bat. Tonight ~~he~~ is the country's ace

ball player, ~~and, war veteran.~~

the war veteran with those aluminum plates,

FLYING SPIDERS

Today brought an explanation of a mysterious phenomenon of last night - reports of weird white parachutes drifting in the skies of northern California. Many people saw them, especially aviators flying in those parts. Two pilots of the southwest airline reported that, winging to Santa Rosa, they spotted clouds of lacy white parachutes - seen clearly on a brilliant moonlight night. Fliers of ~~the~~ United Airlines radioed that they were running into strange ghostlike stuff -- two thousand feet over Sacramento Valley.

It sounded like another flying disc sensation, or even a "men from Mars panic. The air force at Hamilton Field sent three search planes, and a helicopter to look into the stories of swarms of parachutes, the filmy whitestuff seen in the moonlight.

Today the explanation came from college in ~~near~~ northern California, where the scientists who study ~~in~~ insect life, told the story in one word - spiders.

They say that at times spiders go on a mysterious pilgrimage, and travel on -- magic carpets. That is, a spider spins a spread of web, which is caught up by the breeze and goes drifting. Millions of spiders, of many varieties, may do this at the same time. Last night perfect conditions existed for this, a bright warm night, with an updraft of air in the valleys of northern California. The spiders took advantage of this, and swarms of them spun webs for parachutes. The scientists explain that such a web may be as much as four feet long, and the updraft of air may carry it as high as twenty-five hundred feet.

So that's the explanation of the mystery of last night - millions of spiders wafted through the air on their magic carpets.

SUB RUSSIAN OFFICER

An assistant United States attorney at San Diego states that no charge will be brought against newspaperman John D'Alfonso -- although he could be prosecuted for the hoax he played today. ~~That~~ newspaper reporter ^{who} had the Navy and Marines thoroughly bewildered - in Aliso Canyon, California, where they were staging battle maneuvers.

In its middle of the war game, somebody noticed -- a Russian officer. There he was, in full Soviet uniform -- observing the strategy and the tactics. They grabbed him, but he couldn't talk English. Only a few words, just enough to say -- "I'm Russian officer."

It was mighty mystifying, and the Soviet military man was taken before the Chief of ~~the~~ Staff of the Marine Corps, Brigadier General Phieffer. The General tried to question ~~and~~ him, but the Marine Corps Commander doesn't know any Russian and all he could get out of the Soviet warrior were those few words: "I'm Russian officer."

After a while of bewilderment, truth came out - the red militarist was a San Diego newspaperman, all dressed up in a Soviet uniform. ^{TP} Reporter John D'Alfonso says he was only trying to find out how alert they were at the war games -- testing security.

ROMANCE

Today a young lady from Cairo arrived in Cairo - which may puzzle her a bit. The name of the capital of Egypt is also the name of a couple of towns in this country. The spelling the same, but the pronunciation different. There are Cairo, Illinois, and Cairo, Georgia. The Georgia, Cairo is the one that figures in the story of the young lady from Cairo.

The news has told a good deal about Efthalia Kyriakidou, an Egyptian Beauty who came over here to marry a former G. I. During the war Herschel Regan of Cairo, was stationed in Cairo - and there he found romance, in the shadow of the pyramids and on the banks of the Nile.

Returning home, he continued to correspond with Efthalia, and they planned for her to come over here - and they'd get married. Efthalia arrived recently and there was a mix-up. It was necessary to post a five hundred dollar bond, and there was difficulty about that. Efthalia was held for eight days at Ellis Island. Then the bond was straightened out, and today she arrived at her

fiance's home down in Georgia, and was introduced to his parents. The marriage is to be held soon, and the young couple will settle down to life in Dixieland - the Ex G L. owning a grocery store.

The word from Georgia is that Efthalia has impressed the local folks with her knowledge of languages. She speaks six - and is expected to pick up a Georgia ^{cracker} accent without much trouble. They hope she will soon learn that its Cāiro, not Caïro.

And Nelson, what do we learn from you?

JERSEY ASSEMBLYMEN

There's a political puzzle in New Jersey, Attorney General Van Riper announcing that it was illegal for Jersey lawmakers to charge a whole stack of Hotel and Restaurant bills to the State Treasury.

The New Jersey Assembly had a recent session, during which the assemblymen^z lived in hotels and had food and drinks in ^rrestaurants - and they put it on the cuff. That is, the large, broad cuff of the Commonwealth on the west side of the Hudson. They signed the tabs, and these went in to the State Treasury - to the tune of Ten Thousand dollars.

■ Today, the Assemblymen^z explained - they thought it was okay, because that's what they've been doing all along, for years. But the Attorney General points out that the State has recently acquired a new Constitution, which contains a provision forbidding that sort of thing - charging hotel rooms, food and drink to the state.

But how to recover the money from the ~~legislature~~^{ere} - the ten thousand dollars? Attorney General Van Riper says that nothing can be done - because none of the bills

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specify which assemblymen occupied which room and had consumed which food and drink. They put the whole thing, in a general way- on the house, on the state, that is.

But its unconstitutional for the Jersey Treasury to pay the money, although it would seem to be equally unconstitutional to stick the hotels and restaurants. So what's to be done?

BASEBALL

At this point we could just as well have a repeat show, we might go back to our baseball story of Monday - and tell it all over gain. When pitcher Gene Bearden won the American League pennant for the Cleveland Indians, I related some things about him, and these could be recited all over again tonight - only louder, and with more emphasis.

How during the war in the Southwest Pacific, Gene Bearden was a sailor-machinist in the Engine room of the U. S. Cruiser Helena.

How two Japanese torpedoes hit the Helena, how the engine room was blasted. How ~~Gene~~^{Gene} Bearden was terribly smashed up, head and leg.

The Helena sank in seventeen minutes, Gene was pulled out of the engine room as by a miracle, and then floated on the ocean for two days, clinging to a liferaft. When he was rescued, the Navy ~~Doctors~~^{Doctors} found he had a fractured skull and a smashed knee. They patched him up with aluminum, and today Gene Bearden has an aluminum plate in the back of his head and another scre~~ed~~ed into his right knee.

That was the Purple Heart pitcher who won the pennant for Cleveland. Pitching a shut-out. On Monday I remarked that it remained to be seen what he would do in the World Series.

Well, he did it all over again. The pitcher with the Purple Heart and the Aluminum plates hurled another shut-out winning the third game of the World Series - two to nothing. On the mound, he was even more effective today, throwing tricky, baffling curves, and holding the Boston Braves to five hits.

More than that, he was a fielding star, throwing out six batters. His elusive curves had the Braves hitting the ball on the ground, driving to the pitchers box, and repeatedly Bearden, fielded the ball and threw the batter out. In the fourth inning, he engineered a fast double play.

As if all that were not enough, Gene Bearden also won his game at the bat. In the third inning, he hit a double, after which a Boston error enabled him to bring in the first run of the game. That was the biggest run

that Gene Bearden ever scored. It was enough to win a World Series game. Just for good measure, Gene got another hit in the fourth inning.

There are three aspects of baseball - pitching, fielding and hitting, and in all three the brilliant performer today was - Gene Bearden. Decorated with the Purple Heart and patched up with aluminum plates, he is tonight the bright star of the World Series.