

SUBSTITUTE TITO

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Late news tonight tells of the U.S. Government rushing huge quantities of wheat to Yugoslavia -- Eleven Million five hundred thousand dollars worth. This - to combat a threatened ~~extinction~~ ) famine in the realm of Marshall Tito -- because of drought and crop shortages. That huge quantity of grain will be sent ~~to~~ at once from Germany and Italy, for quick delivery, and will be followed by large shipments from the United States.

*on the heels of*  
This ~~follows~~ a statement by President Truman today

who declared that the Tito regime may fall - unless immediate American aid is granted. Yugoslavia, Communist country in rebellion against Soviet Russia, plays an important part in plans for the defense of western Europe -- and would be ~~gravely~~ ~~hugely~~ weakened, unless we step in and help; so said the President.

Soviet Russia comes forward with a surprise peace plan. This was presented to the U N tonight - and is obviously unacceptable to the western powers. The interesting thing is that ~~the~~ Moscow should pick this time, the Korea war crisis, for advancing large scale proposals. <sup>HP</sup> One feature is the suggestion - that critical meetings of the Security Council be attended by the heads of State or the Foreign Ministers of the big powers. -- ~~the~~ heads of State would of course include Truman, and Stalin -- and would turn any Security Council meeting into another of those big time palavers.

The Soviet plan ~~was~~ also calls for the outlawing of atomic and other weapons -- along the usual Moscow line. And -- a retention of the veto. That Soviet veto to be held in full force. Most of the proposal covers a lot of ground of previous deadlock, and is not likely to get anywhere -- ~~except~~ except possibly, as an interesting indication that Moscow might want to go into negotiations.

KOREA

On the war front, the U.S. Seventh Division ran into an ambush which has held up <sup>the</sup> a schedule for the drive to the Manchurian border. A spearhead of the Seventh was pushing along through a valley when there was a sudden Red attack from all sides -- a wild assault by Red fanatics. It took a bit of hard fighting, before suicide ~~long~~ bands of Communists were beaten off, and the delay means that the march to the frontier will be a day late. The most notable casualty in the ambush by the Red fanatics was regimental commander Herbert Powell. When shooting suddenly broke out on all sides, a bullet hit the Colonel's helmet and glanced off. Whereupon, Colonel Powell took a dive into a ditch with such enthusiasm that he sprained his ankle.

~~(Elsewhere, along the battle front, the U.N. troops pushed ahead without much opposition. The U.S. Marines advanced five miles on both sides of the Chosin Reservoir and the great hydro-electric basin is now half surrounded. At another reservoir -- Fusen -- Army G I's seized positions along the eastern shore - and ~~found~~ found no Communists.)~~

Word from London tells of a proposal to be placed before the Chinese Communist delegation which is now on its way to the U.N. The Red representatives will ~~be~~ be asked "how about a 'buffer strip'." That is, a strip of neutral territory along the boundary between Korea and Manchuria.

~~It~~ Which would include, of course, those hydro-electric areas that provide power for Chinese Manchuria. Include these in a de-militarized "buffer strip" administered by the U N and garrisoned by Asiatic troops of the ~~the~~ World Organization.

We have all this on the authority of "informed sources" in London, with the statement that the American and British governments have talked over the idea as a way of ending the Korean ~~is~~ war, and getting the Chinese out. The "buffer strip" would be about thirty miles deep on the Korean side of the Yalu River. (This would guarantee hydro-~~is~~ electric power for Manchuria, and the proposal would test the real intentions of Red China. Are the Chinese Communists in there because of electric power? Are they really apprehensive of U.N. forces along their frontier? Or, are they merely using this as a pretext for war?)

(The soundness of this "buffer strip" news is indicated by a statement in Korea today, where the Foreign Minister of the Republic spoke in opposition. He said Korea wants all <sup>(its territory)</sup> ~~its territory~~ and does not favor a de-militarized area along the Yalu River. This would seem to indicate that the "buffer ~~strip~~ strip" has been proposed to the South Korean government.)

The latest -- a report that the Chinese Communist delegation is bringing to the U.N. a four-point program for a settlement. Including --  
and "a 'buffer strip'."

A lively story of Red impudence was disclosed today in a New York court room where an atomic spy was testifying against two others, said to have been his partners in Red espionage. He related how a Soviet lawyer once instructed him and the other two - to throw the F.B.I. out of their office, <sup>F.B.I.</sup> and tell them to go to blazes.

Harry Gold, who confesses that he did Red spy work during war-time and afterward, is appearing as a witness against Abraham Brothman and Miriam Moskowitz, who are charged with perjury before a grand jury. He's been telling a dramatic story of transmitting American war secrets to Soviet Russia, and today came to a climax by reciting what happened - when the F.B.I. came around. Federal agents questioned him and the other two, and they went to the Soviet people for advice -- to Amtorg, the Red trade agency. There a Soviet lawyer named Needleman gave them the following counsel: "He advised us," testifies Harry Gold, "to tell the F.B.I. we were busy -- and had no time for such nonsense."

On another occasion, the Soviet lawyer was even more emphatic: "Tell them to go to blazes, throw them out of the office." <sup>R</sup> Which sounds like - no way to treat J. Edgar Hoover's <sup>boys!</sup> ~~boys.~~

(Gold says he gave the F B I agents a cock and bull story to explain his meetings with Brothman, saying they were writing a book on chemistry. Later, the Soviet lawyer instructed them in <sup>a</sup> ~~the~~ pack of lies they told the Grand Jury.)

So now - the trial. Apparently, the Soviet lawyer's prescription didn't work -- tell the F.B.I. to go to blazes.

TIBET

Word from India gives an explanation of an event in Tibet -- which at the first glance seemed odd. We heard yesterday that the sixteen year old boy, the Dalai Lama has assumed full authority, taking control of the government at Lhasa, which is contrary to custom. ~~--- since~~ The Dalai Lama ~~does not~~ does not become the actual ruler until he is eighteen -- not under ordinary ~~xi~~ conditions. But, with a Red invasion, conditions in Tibet are extraordinary indeed, -- and the purpose of the new move is, we are told, <sup>bring</sup> to ~~to~~ added influence to bear on the powerful abbots of Tibetan monasteries who exercise an enormous influence.

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The Chinese Reds ~~are~~ taking advantage of an old feud between two types of spiritual leader on the Roof-Of-The-World, the Dalai Lama, and the Panchen Lama, <sup>who ranks No. 2.</sup> They've set up a bogus Panchen Lama - a thirteen year old boy, <sup>from Inner Mongolia - the undefined Tibetan - China border.</sup> ~~These~~ <sup>would be sure to</sup> Panchen Lama ~~would~~ have some prestige in the great monasteries. <sup>They</sup> But this <sup>now</sup> will be counter-acted -- in <sup>large</sup> ~~some~~ degree by the fact that the sixteen year old Dalai Lama has assumed supreme power. Which would be more difficult for the thirteen year old boy <sup>from Inner Mongolia with his dubious credentials, to do.</sup>



TIBET

(This, says today's dispatch from India, is why the seventy-three year old Regent Takra Rimpoche, has resigned his power -- and installed the Dalai Lama as the Supreme ruler -- doing it two years ahead of time.)

You might ask, is the sixteen year old Dalai Lama ready for this supreme authority? When we had our two audiences with him, a year ago - one a formal audience and one informal, we were much impressed by his poise - the way he carried off his complex duties then.

During the past year we learned that he now is being tutored in western studies - something new in Shangri-La -  
<sup>western</sup> history, politics, the geography of the whole world, and western literature - in addition to the long hours that for 8 years he has been obliged to spend on his Buddhist religious studies.

To us he seemed much older than his sixteen years. At any rate, this is the first time in the long history of Tibetan Lamaism that a Dalai Lama has been elevated to full temporal and spiritual power before reaching ~~the~~ the age of eighteen.

RADIO NEWS DIRECTORS

I'm in Chicago tonight, giving this broadcast before a distinguished gathering. ~~But it is a cinch of an audience.~~ You know how, sometimes, a crowd can be critical, ~~pick faults,~~ ~~and look for mistakes.~~ *Well* this is a tolerant audience, an understanding audience. They know how ~~easy~~ it is to pull a boner on a radio news program, ~~and get things tangled in a broadcast.~~ In other words, I'm attending the Annual Conference of the National Association of Radio News Directors -- the editorial geniuses who direct news programs at broadcasting stations all over this country. ~~So~~ *They* all know the hazards of the profession -- how easily a blunder or a slip of speech can creep into a program. So they are tolerant, full of radio Christian charity. In fact, I almost wish I might make a mistake -- because it would be ~~more~~ received with such knowing forgiveness. But then, maybe I've made a couple ~~of~~ *already --* ~~of~~ *babies* ~~already~~ *I so often do.*

~~(For one bit of news about this convention, we have an address made by General Hoyt Vandenberg, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, -- who discussed American strategy in the cold war. General Vandenberg said Europe was what he called:~~

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"The theater of decision." ~~May~~ He pointed to the industrial resources of western Europe, and said an aggressor might risk war to get hold of them. He called western Europe a vast industrial ~~treasure~~ treasure.)

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Now for a prediction. You know how a newscaster is supposed to make a forecast -- at least once in a while. So here's my prognostication. The National Association of Radio News Directors, in a short time from now, will elect ~~Mr. Ben~~ Chatfield of Macon, Georgia, as the new President.

## LUCK

Here's a strange story of crime, and luck, which was disclosed when, in a California gambling house, a man was playing recklessly at the poker table -- and was buying chips with Twenty Dollar Bills, each of which had a hole in it, a suspicious perforation. The police were called, and that led to the arrest of a robber -- wanted for murder. <sup>R</sup> At San Jose, California, Clifford Denham, while committing a burglary, got into a gun fight with a policeman -- who was killed in the exchange of shots. But the policeman was an accurate marksman and this should have saved his life -- except for a freak accident. One shot he fired would have killed the robber -- except for a thick wad of twenty dollar bills. In committing the burglary Denham had thrust a large part of Sixteen Hundred Dollars worth of loot into his inside coat pocket - and that stopped the bullet. Getting away, he found that the bulky sheaf of Twenty <sup>ies</sup> ~~Dollar bills~~ had been perforated -- a hole drilled right through.

So he thought he was mighty lucky, and figured -- he'd press his luck. He fled from San Jose to his home town, and there went to the local gambling house. In his mad feeling of luck, he was oblivious <sup>bullet</sup> of the holes in the Twenty Dollar

bills and used these at the poker table, which turned out to be the worst of luck -- bringing about his arrest and the charge of murder in the first degree.

Los Angeles has the story of -- three wills. Which indicates a laudible ambition among several kindly people who befriended an aged recluse. They never suspected that Charles Babonet had any money. He lived in a shack, and people thought he was a pauper. Yet some befriended him -- kindly souls. Then, when he died, and the news broke that he had left an estate of half a million dollars, they thought they should be rewarded.

Three separate wills were offered -- each one showing the aged recluse as leaving his fortune to a benevolent friend. Today, there is testimony in court that all three wills are forgeries. Two were mailed in to the court while another was pushed under the door of the bank. Three kindly friends undertaking to see that their <sup>own</sup> goodness of heart was rewarded.

A sad story of poverty, debt, and mortal danger was related in Los Angeles today. The pathetic figure was Mickey Cohen, said to be the boss of Los Angeles mobs. He appeared before a Senate ~~xxxx~~ Investigating Committee headed by Senator Kefauver -- holding hearings in Los Angeles. Mickey Cohen admitted that he was -- "A bookie's bookie". That is, he has been a large operator in handling huge sums of betting money for book makers all over the country. But, he made a dramatic gesture of poverty - pulling two-hundred-and ~~xx~~-sixty-four dollars out of his pocket and saying that was all he had in the world. Moreover, in addition to being broke, he is three-hundred-thousand dollars in debt.

So why do people try to kill ~~him~~ him? The boss mobster spoke in plaintive terms, of the various gangster attempts to wipe him out -- with blasts of gun fire. He said he hadn't the ~~slightest~~ slightest idea of who they were -- the numerous would-be killers. Why should anybody want to shoot a pauper who has nothing in the world but creditors?

Who-o as the owl?

~~No~~ as they ~~said~~ said -- who, who? Nelson?