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BERLIN LEAD

In Berlin tonight Marshall Sokolovsky, the Soviet Commander, revealed to the United Press the cause of all the trouble between ourselves and the Russians in the German capital. "Russia is blockading Berlin", said the Soviet Marshall, "because the United States made the Russians get special permits to visit the United States Occupation Zone." Sokolovsky ^{described} ~~said that~~ Russia's action ^{as} ~~was~~ a reciprocal measure against the American regulations controlling Soviet personnel. "Further", said he, "Russia would lift the blockade immediately if the Americans would open their zone to Russian traffic". This is how the Russian General put it. "When you have a guest at your table for dinner you don't expect him to walk off with the legs of your table", he said, adding that he didn't expect such a thing either. "For three years",

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complained Sokolovsky, "We allowed ^{you} ~~the~~ Americans to come into our zone, and then you stopped the Russians coming into your zone",

So that's the story. It may seem exceedingly trivial, but there is little doubt ^{but what it's} ~~that it is~~ the Russian viewpoint. Opinion in Washington tonight is that the Sokolovsky interview can be taken as an indication that the Russians are adopting a more conciliatory attitude; that they are ready for a round table discussion. No official comment yet. But everywhere signs of a general easing of tension.

Earlier in the day, in London, British Foreign Secretary Bevin had announced that he was ready to attend a meeting of the Big Four Ministers. " At once, he said. Further, he was ready to discuss any question Russia would desire if she would first end her blockade of the German capital. The first time any spokesman for the

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western powers had gone so far in an attempt to end the Berlin crisis. Did Bevin make his suggestion as diplomatic bait? To find out just how eager the Russians ~~were~~ are for the four-power negotiations on Berlin for which they have been asking so long? There was a note of drama in the timing of the news. Bevin had hardly finished speaking in London before the newswire carried the information that Sokolovsky was giving an exclusive interview in Berlin to a United Press correspondent. The Soviet Marshall choosing the press to expound his viewpoint instead of the usual diplomatic channels. And adding perhaps what seems like an anti-climax to the seemingly portentous happenings of the last few days.

Meanwhile in Berlin today the Russians carried on ~~a concerted~~ *their nuisance* campaign. ~~of nuisance tactics.~~ They arrested two American military policemen, and an American civilian engineer - without explanation, as usual. The British

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complain of Soviet fighter planes buzzing their transports in the air corridor, three separate violations, which the British term "deliberate interference".

SECURITY COUNCIL

President Truman today sat in on part of the meeting of the National Security Council, called to hear General ~~Mr~~ Lucius Clay's first hand ~~an~~ report on the Soviet blockade of Berlin. All our top ranking military officers attended the meeting as well as civilian cabinet officers. This, we are told, ^{was} to save ~~Mr~~ General Clay's ~~breath~~ ^{strength - so he won't} have to ~~re~~ retell his story to the various departments, ^{Also} ~~and~~ to save time, ~~as well~~

What transpired at the meeting, ^{is} of course is a top secret. But the white House laid ~~part~~ particular emphasis on the fact that it was not in the nature of a crisis meeting. ~~Newsman asked to draw their own conclusions.~~ Tomorrow General Clay will appear ~~in~~ before the House Foreign Affairs Committee; and, ^{he} is expected to see President Truman before flying back to Berlin in the evening.

Before the meeting, Mr. Truman told newsmen that he believes the over-all chances of peace are good. In fact, ~~said he, they~~ are excellent.

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There has apparently been ^{some} ~~nothing~~ misunderstanding between ourselves and the British, over the next note the western powers are to send to the Kremlin. The London Foreign Office states that the note will suggest that the three powers hold talks with Moscow ^{- discuss again the problem} ~~on the whole problem~~ of the future of Germany. With that ² proviso, of course, that the Western Allies stay in Berlin. Our State Department, however, says Uncle Sam has not yet officially decided to go along with the British on that. The suggestion being that London has given the plan premature publicity by way of bringing pressure on Washington. ^{R. A. G. How} ~~But~~ a new note we are told cannot be dispatched until France has a government.

The three power protest to the Kremlin ^{must} ~~to~~ wait until France has appointed a foreign minister, ~~Bidaulet~~ ^{reappointed} - or whoever it is to be.

BOMBER

The police of three states and the ~~Army~~ Airforce are looking for the pilot of ~~a tiny Piper Cub~~ ^{THE small PLANE that} which dropped a small explosive bomb at Lake Success today. The bomb aimed at the headquarters building of the United Nations. The missile exploded with a loud noise but it did no damage; although it brought the three thousand U.N. workers ~~scrambling~~ ^{racing} out into the open air. Many thought a surprise air raid had begun. Nassau County police rushed emergency squads to the rescue. The general effect described by a U.N. employee as if Lake Success was being attacked by men from Mars.

The real story is to be found in the mind of Stephen Supina, a World War Two B-seventeen gunner. - ~~the~~ ^{the} missing pilot. Supina, is said to have been displeased at the ineffectiveness of the United Nations in the present world crisis, so he wanted to make a demonstration. He had only just learned

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to fly. He borrowed the plane from an airfield at Willimantic, Connecticut; ~~Borrowed~~^{Advised} forty cents from a clerk in the operations office, ^{THEN} ~~and~~ flew on a compass course to his objective. Now he has disappeared. The Airforce has sent a flight of Black Widow Bombers searching the countryside for the yellow plane from which the World War Two veteran hurled what is thought to ~~have been~~ a mail-drop torpedo. A noisy but harmless bomb used by planes as a signal they are about to drop mail.

WORLD FLIGHT.

It is announced in Washington tonight that three American B-twenty-nines -- our Superfortresses which used to carry atomic bombs -- are flying over the Atlantic on a round-the-world flight. A further demonstration of Uncle Sam's winged might. The biggest planes in the world circling the globe on what the Airforce describes as a "routine operation".

COMMUNISTS

6/ In Seattle, Washington, today, a New York newspaperman, Howard Mushmore, who admits that he was once a Communist, charged that a hundred-and-rifty government employees in the nation's capital are operating a Soviet spy ring. Mushmore told the Washington State Legislative Committee, that Red cell units now exist in ^{Uncle Sam's} government buildings, including our State Department. He told how secret documents are removed from the departments and delivered to cell in leaders for copying. The copies then sent to the Soviet Embassy by reliable messengers, men and women whom the Communists can trust.

^{State Legislative}
The [^]committee is investigating subversive activities at the University of Washington. All kinds of charges have been made. Stories of student cells, with Red influence on the faculty. So, the Washington Legislators are going to find out what's going on.

[^] If they can. ^P Yesterday four of the University professors refused to say yes or no to that now familiar question - "Are you a Communist?" which

THIRD PARTY

The Third Party is all set at
— *ready*
Philadelphia [^] to open its convention tomorrow. And ~~what's~~
the first item on
the Agenda? ~~why~~ To choose a party name. Then to
nominate Wallace for President and Senator Glen Taylor
for Vice-President, ~~afterwards to~~ adopt ^a platform, ~~and~~
adjourn.

Today in Philadelphia, Senator Taylor
told newsmen that he welcomes Communist votes on the
Third Party ticket. He says he expects to get the
support of the pink Communists only. Those, according
to the Senator, who believe in ^{evolution} ~~revolution~~ instead of
revolution - the Democratic process. The real news he
went on to say,
~~say~~ believe in a revolution. And who does Glen Taylor
believe the dyed-in-the-wool, - those bright Red - Red
Communists will support? ^{Why,} They'll vote for Governor
Dewey, he says. ~~Why~~ Because, ^{adds} ~~say~~ the Senator from
Idaho, "the best way to get a revolution is to have
another Hoover Administration." ~~I can't quite follow~~
~~that one, perhaps you can?~~

Then Sen. Taylor got into a tangle with a
spokesman for a body calling itself "Americans for

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Democratic Action." Many of its members, we are told are colleagues of Henry Wallace who no longer go along with him politically. The spokesman for the A.D.A. challenged the new party to declare itself independent of Communism. To which the Senator from ~~in~~ Idaho replied that it would be "hypocritical and demagogical" - those are his words - for him to renounce the support of the Communists. "This is a free country," said he, "you can't stop them voting for you." And he went on to say that he'll welcome votes from everyone, monopolists and cartelists, and Communists both pink and red - as long as they ^{can} ~~are~~ votes.

As for the new party's platform, ~~we have~~ ^{mainly} ~~this~~ this is being drafted ^{by} Rexford Guy Tugwell ; one of the original new deal brain-trusters. ~~The point,~~ ^{This} ~~was~~ ^{to} carry a strong civil rights program. And an abundance feature. "Abundance" is apparently the new party's term for nationalization, the "abundance" plank to call for the public ~~ownership~~ ownership of large banks and basic industries such as railroads and public utilities. But nothing Communistic, no definitely.
Not.

STRIKE

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The Ford Motor Company today settled with the United Auto workers Union. The men to get a thirteen cents an hour wage increase, ~~xxxx~~ with other benefits, which will bring the increase up to sixteen or seventeen cents an hour. The settlement came after a twenty-one hour ~~negotiating~~ session. Thus averting a strike of a hundred and sixteen thousand ~~x~~ Ford workers in Forty-Six plants across the nation.

SAN MARINO

Remember San Marino, the tiny mountain republic in the north of Italy? Stamp collectors know all about it, for San Marino, which has the distinction of being the smallest, and just about the oldest republic in the world, issues more stamps than any other nation -- stamps for collectors. Stamps are its only export.

The Republic's other claim to fame is a standing army of twelve soldiers, twenty policemen, and no crime. Where life rolls along like a song.

Today the Republic of San Marino started a new enterprise to earn a few dollars to keep up with the cost of living. The President inaugurated a government radio station to carry paid commercials; and to take care of San Marinos twelve soldiers and twenty cops. The radio station custom-made for the tiny republic nothing too large. Just a one-kilowatt affair with a range of thirty-six miles. Probably the ~~xxx~~ smallest official radio station in the world. Just enough to stir up the population - with singing commercials.

OLYMPICS

You can imagine how an Olympic athlete feels to find himself disabled and prevented from ~~tak~~ taking part in the Olympics after travelling all the way to England with his team. That's just what happened to Wally Ris of Iowa, America's best hope for the hundred meter free style swim. Wally has a trick knee, a joint that pops in and out. But it hadn't troubled him for years; until he was boarding a bus in London; and right there in Piccadilly Circus, pop! and out his knee went. He had it massaged and treated but pop it kept going in and out. So Wally has been scratched from the team.

Today at Uxbridge, Wally Ris limped out with his team mates for the flag-raising ceremonies, Wally standing stiffly at attention with the others. And then, something happened. There was a loud snap! A smile spread over Wally's face. He skipped with joy. His knee had suddenly popped back into place while the flag was being raised. And today, according to Coach Kiphuth, Wally is in top swimming form, his trick knee back to normal and the Iowa youngster all set for his Olympic event.

WEDDING

From London, a Cinderella story - with a climax -including a wedding at Westminster Abbey, attended by the Royal family. The bridegroom a belted Earl, who has just inherited thirteen million dollars. One of the noblest, and one of the richest of the Earls of England too. And the bride --

Ah - that's the Cinderella part. A multi-millionaire Earl marry a barmaid or a chorine? No, that's not the story at all.

He married a somebody, a lady of blood and birth; a bride fit for an Earl. But -- and I guess this is the Cinderella part -- she was "penniless and silly". So said her attorney recently when the bride, Lady Isabel Milles-Tade appeared before a London magistrate. And how come she was hauled before a judge? Well, alas, she was charged with smuggling in a mink coat from America. And ^{now} ~~now~~ this recently penniless and silly girl is the ~~xx~~ Countess of Derby, the bride of the Earl of Derby, one of Britain's wealthiest peers, whose ancestors created the derby hat and the most famous of all horse races.

As the once "penniless and silly girl" walked down the stately ~~xxxxx~~ aisle at Westminster Abbey, on the arm of her Earl, wearing her tiara as a Countess, and a gown embroidered with diamonds and pearls, she said: "Why dear, me! there couldn't be more fuss if I was marrying the King himself."

And I wonder what she'll say when she gets back to ~~Knowlton House~~ Knowsley Hall, her husband's "little place in the country", near ~~xxxxxxx~~ Liverpool. There she will find five hundred servants waiting to greet her, and an annual housekeeping bill, which she'll have difficulty holding down to a hundred and sixty thousand dollars - if she doesn't give any parties.

I say, Nelson, how would you like to be the Earl of Derby, what?

BOMB

Early 9/22/48

A strange occurrence at Lake Success. A tiny yellow piper cub plane flew over the headquarters of the United Nations and released an explosive. A small bomb, which exploded twenty feet above the ground, a hundred yards from the headquarters building - with a shattering noise.

The explosion threw the world organization into a turmoil, as the report spread that the building had been bombed. But calm was quickly restored.

The F B I are investigating. The latest report is that the missile was a "mail-drop torpedo," used as a warning by planes as they are about to drop mail. The torpedo probably launched ^h_h by a practical joker.

PRICES

July 22

The cost of food continues to go up - and down. It's more like a fever chart than a spiral. The spiral having become a well worn figure of speech these days, when you discuss the cost of living. You know how it is. -Someone says the cost of living is spiraling up; the other fellow says no, it's spiraling down. Or it would if they did what he suggests.

Well, tomorrow, ~~we are told,~~ the Labor Department will announce that retail prices reached an all-time high in June, ~~x~~ with wholesale prices twenty-seven per cent higher than they were in June, Nineteen Forty-Six, when the price controls came off. These wholesale prices today being higher than the previous ~~all~~ all-time high ~~in the history of the United States that was in Nineteen Twenty, when the cost of living soared way up.~~

Who is to blame? Mr. Truman says it's the Republicans, ~~but of course. if you are a Republican~~ ~~you know just who is to blame.~~ Meanwhile, the American public goes on buying. ~~Prices are up.~~

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Tonight there is word from Chicago that wholesale meat prices are slumping. Pork down fifty cents a hundred weight. Beef and lamb following. Chain butchers have already cut prices across the counter, twenty per cent in Chicago; ten cents a pound in New York.

You see what I mean, a fever chart. One day up, and the next day down. To continue with the simile, we have some consolation. Fever temperatures always come down, -- even if a patient doesn't survive.

BULLETIN

In Paris Premier Designate Andre Marie has just announced that he has been able to form his new government and that he will present it to the National Assembly on Saturday morning for a vote of confidence.

ITALY

In Rome today, Premier De Gasperi demanded a vote of confidence in the Italian Senate, and won ^{handily.} ~~hands down, a thumping defeat for the Italian~~ ~~House.~~ The Communists called on De Gasperi to resign, because of the ~~xxxxx~~ shooting of the ~~Red Boss, Palmiro~~ Togliatti. De Gasperi replied by reading ~~to the House~~ Communist propaganda leaflets which had been distributed throughout Italy during the general strike. He spoke for an hour and fifteen minutes, claiming that the Italian workers were not supporting the Communists, that their return to work proved they were hostile to the Communist desire to disintegrate the Italian state. ^{then he} And [^] demanded a vote of confidence.

The Senate gave it to him, a hundred and seventy-three votes to eighty-three. ^{And} Now De Gasperi will do the same in the Lower House, where he ^{is also} assured of ~~a~~ ^{He wants} a majority, - ~~to win his~~ full support in his fight against the Italian Red.^{s.}

BERLIN

The latest development in the dilemma over the Soviet blockade of Berlin comes from London. Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin announced today that he is ready to attend a meeting of the Big Four Ministers. At once he said. And he is ready to discuss any question Russia desires, if she will first end her blockade of the German capital.

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Here's what he says: It's all quite simple. Russia is blockading Berlin because the United States made Russians get special permits to visit the U S occupation zone.

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Russia would lift the blockade said Sokovolsky if
the Americans would open their zones to Russian
traffic."