

EGYPT

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A surprise bulletin from Egypt tonight. Naguib is out. The strong man of Egypt has resigned as President - and given up all official positions.

This came about at a meeting of the revolutionary council - which headed the coup d'etat that swept King Farouk out of power last year.

It isn't clear what the political events in the back ground may be.

But Naguib is out, his place taken by his Vice President, Abdul Nasser. Who also becomes head of the Revolutionary council.

Sudden political overturn - in the land of the Nile.



Tonight's dispatch from Cairo states that there had been ~~some~~ rumors of a rift between Naguib and Nasser. But tonight's action by the military Junta of Army officers - came as a stunning surprise.

The report is that Naguib demanded "absolute autocratic authority." This was refused - and, actually, his resignation ~~is~~ was handed in three days ago.

McCARTHY

A peace treaty was concluded today between Senator Joe McCarthy and the U.S. Army. The war has ended - between the Wisconsin legislator and Army Secretary Stevens. The pact was made at a two hour conference between the two contestants. The meeting - attended likewise by other Republican members of the McCarthy Senate Committee. The Democratic members were not there.

As a result of the peace treaty, the big show, scheduled for tomorrow, has been cancelled. Secretary Stevens to have appeared before the McCarthy Committee, ~~to~~ give the Army side of the row that arose over the questioning of General Ralph Zwicker, commander of Camp Kilmer, New Jersey. Secretary Stevens declaring that McCarthy had subjected the General to - "unwarranted abuse." He ordered Zwicker not to appear before the Committee again. ~~All this - in the matter of an Army Major, a Dentist, who had refused to answer the sixty-four dollar question - about being a Communist.~~

Today's peace pact is an "understanding", according



to which Senator McCarthy is free to question high ranking officers about Communism in the Army. This includes General Zwicker. There's to be an Army investigation in the case of the honorable discharge given former Major Peress. Whom McCarthy has called - a "Fifth Amendment Communist."

Secretary Stevens and the Committee are in full accord - that Communism must be rooted out of the armed forces, whenever found.

Such is the statement issued by the Committee, after today's conference with the Secretary of the Army.

~~(Later, the McCarthy Committee was to have questioned Mrs. Anna Lee Moss, a civilian employee of the Army - on the charge of Communism. But the questioning did not take place. Mrs. Moss, who was nervous and weeping, said she had laryngitis - and Senator McCarthy excused her, until a hearing later on.)~~



There was a weird sort of episode at a Senate hearing concerning the nomination of Chief Justice Earl Warren. A witness, Roderick Wilson, appeared, hostile to the Chief Justice. Claiming - that Earl Warren is, what he calls - a "captive of a ruthless, corrupt political machine."

When he arrived at Capitol Hill, Wilson demanded police protection, saying - he was afraid he'd be assassinated. When the Committee Chairman, Senator Langer of North Dakota, learned of the appearance of the witness, he ordered the Capitol Hill police to arrest him - "as a fugitive from justice."

There were some legal twisters - after which Wilson was put under arrest. On a charge - that he instigated a witness to commit perjury in an automobile accident ~~trial~~ trial in San Francisco. Later, he was released in the custody of two attorneys.

Wilson declares that he seeks the Democratic

nomination for Governor of California - as a final twister  
in that weird episode on Capital Hill, today.



FOLLOW WARREN

After all the hubbub, the Judiciary Committee took a vote - and approved the nomination of the Chief Justice.



## EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower is back in Washington - returning from his brief California vacation. He may have had some rest at Palm Springs, but he's having little in Washington.

He landed at the National Airport at a quarter to eight this morning - and, an hour later, was in conference with Republican leaders in Congress. (They talked for an hour and three-quarters - with Senator Knowland assuring the President the Senate will complete action this week on the Bricker Amendment and the nomination of Chief Justice Earl Warren.)

At luncheon, the President had a first hand report from Secretary of State Dulles on the meeting of the Foreign Ministers in Berlin. After that, he went into conference with George Meany, President of the A.F. of L. - on labor matters. No rest for the weary - little rest for a president.

FOLLOW EISENHOWER

~~Later~~ Secretary Dulles told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that the forthcoming Geneva Conference may lead to peace in Indo-China. And may, perhaps, "get somewhere" toward reaching a settlement in Korea.

FOLLOW EISENHOWER

On radio and television, tonight, Secretary of State Dulles told the American public that the Geneva conference will bring Red China, in the secretary's words - "to account before the bar of world opinion." It will ~~be~~ be that - instead of any recognition of the Chinese Reds. So says the Secretary of State.



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

The Department of Agriculture is checking on accusations made against some of its employees. An aide to Secretary Benson says that a Congressman has put in a ~~summary~~ complaint and handed in a list of seventy-five names. Some -- believed to be officials in Secretary Benson's department.

You may think this might apply to Communism. But it's worse. Employees of the Department of Agriculture are suspected of attending Democratic Jefferson-Jackson Day dinners.

Those dinners are fund-raising affairs -- tickets costing from five to one hundred dollars. Republicans, hungry for patronage, have been complaining - that the Administration is keeping too many Democrats on the payroll. So you can understand their anguish when they hear - of federal employees attending Democratic fund-raising affairs.

## SENATE

The Democrats controlled the Senate this afternoon - out-voting the Republicans on the question of a night session. Actually, of course, the Democrats have had a majority of one all along - but they have left the technical control with the G O P.

Today, however, Democratic leader, Senator Lyndon Johnson of Texas protested against a night session on the Bricker amendment - called by Republican leader, Senator Knowland of California. And the Senate voted against the night session.

COFFEE

At Chicago today, the Brazilian Ambassador to the United States sounded a note of - Pan-Americanism. (The solidarity of the - Western Hemisphere.) The subject of this inspiring declaration - coffee.

Ambassador Carlos Muniz held a news conference along with the President of the Pan-American Coffee Bureau, Senor Horatio Cinatra-Leite. Senor Cinatra being no relation - to Frank <sup>W.</sup><sub>R.</sub>

He said the price of coffee will not come down for at least a year and a half. Instead, it will increase - ten to fifteen cents a pound.

The newsmen spoke of the possibility of a boycott (by U.S. consumers.)

(But) the (Brazilian) Ambassador shook his head solemnly and replied, "A boycott is a weapon of enemies, while the coffee trade, between the two countries, is a symbol of Pan-American solidarity."

Expensive symbol, it would seem - with the price of solidarity going up.



## RAILROAD

Recently, we had the news of a railroad war - a fight for control of the New York Central. Today - it's the New York, New Haven and Hartford. A New York investment broker - beginning a battle for the control of the New Haven.

It's Patrick Mc Ginnis versus Railroad President "<sup>Buck</sup>Frederic Dumaine. Who comes up for reelection at the stockholders' meeting on April Fourteenth. McGinnis will oppose Dumaine's reelection and try to oust the present Board of Directors of the New Haven. Today, he made public a list that he will present at the stockholders' meeting - twenty-one names, as new directors.

McGinnis is denounced by New England political figures - Senator Green of Long Island and Congressman Nichols of Massachusetts. They say he represents - "alien profiteers." And - "interests foreign to New England."

~~Well, I suppose a New York investment broker might be considered an alien and a foreigner - among the Yankees of New England. But there's also talk of - "Canadian interests."~~

~~To all of which McGinnis retorts that his group has more money invested in New England than the President of the New Haven. He says - Dumaine can't make money for the railroad. His own plan being - to turn automobile drivers into commuters. He proposes a sales campaign - to get New Englanders back on the choo-choo train.~~

Battle cries - in the financial war, for the control of the New York, New Haven and Hartford.

## FOLLOW RAILROAD

In the New York Central fight, the President of that railroad reveals the purchase of eight hundred thousand shares of stock - by the opposition.

Financier Robert Young is fighting to get control of the New York Central - as part of a plan to start a trans-continental railroad system. So now his opponent, railroad President William White, says that the group supporting Young has, apparently, ~~just~~ purchased New York Central Stock from the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad <sup>railroad</sup> ~~stock~~ with a value of twenty million dollars. Which means - progress for Young in this railroad war.



## POPE

The illness of Pope Pius the Twelfth has become critical again. After a couple of weeks of slow improvement, the Pontiff is again confined to his bed. The doctor ordering - "absolute rest." Today, six days from his seventy-eighth birthday, the medical bulletin says - that Pope Pius was neither better nor worse.

The physicians have resumed a round-the-clock vigil, on duty twenty-four hours a day. Vatican sources declare that - this is a crucial phase. Hoping that - "absolute rest" will bring another improvement in the physical condition of the head of the Roman Catholic Church.

## EVANGELIST

London gave a wild welcome, today, to American Evangelist Billy Graham. ~~Arriving in London, he was~~ Mobbed by fifteen hundred people - who surrounded him, praying and singing. A flying wedge of police had to fight their way through the crowd, before the Evangelist could proceed ~~proceed~~ on his way in a taxicab.

However, Billy Graham is getting a less enthusiastic welcome from British Socialists. They roared ~~with indignation~~ with indignation at a statement that was published - quoting him as attributing British ills to - "Socialism." The Evangelist explains that what he really said was - "secularism." Not - "Socialism." On Friday, he'll meet with British Labor Party leaders - to repeat that explanation.)

## URANIUM

Last week, when I was out ~~in the~~ <sup>our own Western</sup> uranium country, I told of a fabulous treasure hunt for that radioactive metal. Today, ~~the~~ news of a uranium rush comes - from a Trappist monastery, in Canada. The monks of that religious Order, famed for intense austerity, find ~~find~~ <sup>find</sup> their monastery grounds - invaded by a swarm of prospectors. Geiger counters - all over the place.

Recently, traces of uranium and other ores were found on the Oka Mountain - not far from Montreal. The news brought a rush of treasure seekers - and, right at the foot of Oka Mountain, stands the Trappist monastery.

The monks there are an industrious community, but their enterprise has nothing to do with uranium. They make cheese, a well known brand in Canada and the United States. So now, their cheese manufacture has been disturbed. The uranium prospectors invading - even the monastery garden.

One ~~prospectors~~ <sup>staked a claim by carving</sup> marks on the monastic apple trees.

That capped the climax - and, today, the monks protested.



Demanding - that the uranium prospectors keep away from their monastery.

~~( They do not, however, get much encouragement from Canadian officials - who point out that the Trappists, while owning the land, do not have title to the mineral rights below the ground. So, the staking of uranium rights on their property is legal. The Quebec Bureau of Mines gives out a statement that, in the vicinity of Oka Mountain, claims have been staked for seventeen miles, all the way to the Ottawa River.)~~

Well, the suggestion is obvious - why don't the Trappist monks, themselves, go hunting for uranium on their own monastery grounds? Although, it would look odd, to see monks, in their medieval gowns, poking around - with Geiger counters.

But, anyway, the word from Oka Mountain is that the Trappists are not interested in uranium. They want to go on making - cheese.

ROOSEVELT

James Roosevelt will have to pay his wife thirteen hundred dollars a month. That's the alimony and child support named by the judge at Pasadena, California, today. Mrs.

Roosevelt demanded thirty-five hundred dollars a month for herself and the three young Roosevelt children. Arguing - that the son of the late F.D.R. was worth at least a couple of million dollars. In the ~~new~~ court proceedings, he said he was seventy-eight thousand dollars in debt.

~~Judge Kaufman also ruled that James Roosevelt must pay more than four thousand dollars - for his wife's attorneys' fees, also court costs. The temporary alimony and child support of thirteen hundred dollars a month is temporary - pending a final suit for maintenance this coming summer.~~

## TRANSFORMATION

Denmark reports another Christine Jorgensen case - another former American soldier, who has been changed from a man into a woman. Today, at Copenhagen, Charlotte McLeod, a very feminine brunette, stated that, not so long ago, she was Charlie McLeod - a G.I. As a man - all confused. The confusion ended by a trip to Denmark - now a woman.



## ROUND-UP

Dodge City, Kansas, is having a round-up -- in a big way. Which may sound like the days of the old West - when Dodge City was the northern terminus of the great cattle drives from Texas. The cowboys riding in with herds of longhorn<sup>s</sup>,

Last week, they had dust storms and blizzards, and tens of thousands of cattle went straying - in the dust or in the snow. Commissioner Charles Lake says he can't estimate how many, but adds: "I know of one or two boys out here that, individually, had three thousand to four thousand head of cattle stray in the storm." (~~Monday and Tuesday, two thousand were rounded up. Commissioner Lake saying, "It will take several weeks, maybe longer, before all the cattle are back in the possession of their owners."~~)

Dodge City the center of the round-up -- like a revival of the old West.

## HORSEBACK

At New Orleans, there's a Senorita from the Argentine who must be rated - the champion horse-woman of the world. She rode horseback all the way from Buenos Aires - now stopping at New Orleans, on her way to Ottawa, Canada. She has been three and a half years on the trail, already.

Senorita Anna Beker says her long, long ride was promoted by - Evita. ~~Financed~~ Financed - by the late Eva Peron, wife of the Argentine Strong Man. She rode through the Argentine, and across the Andes - and ran into all kinds of trouble. Hit by a truck, her horse killed, the Senorita in a hospital for eight days.

Then, in Colombia, she ran into a barrage of stones, hurled at her - because the kerchief she wore over her head was of the wrong color. Colombia was having revolutionary troubles, and red was the color of the liberal party - which the conservatives didn't like. ~~So they threw rocks at the Senorita from the Argentine.~~

She changed over to a blue kerchief, the color of the conservatives - but encountered a party of liberals, and they chased her, wanted to lynch her.

(Riding through Mexico, and arriving at the Rio Grande, she got into a U.S. Immigration technicality - and was delayed for three months. That straightened out, she went trotting across Texas, and then spent a night in a Louisiana jail. That was because there were no other accommodations in town.)

Now the champion horse-woman is at the New Orleans ~~Mardi~~ Mardi Gras - before ~~it~~ riding on up to Canada.



## STRONG WOMAN

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London is sending to the American world of entertainment a night club act, which is described as - dainty. Featuring - grace and charm. The star, Joan Rhodes, who performs as - "The Strongest Woman in the world."

When Joan was fifteen, her stunt was lifting a baby elephant - in a circus act. At sixteen, she took up the *another exploit - that* ~~stunt~~ of biting ten-penny nails in two. Last year, she beat a weight-lifting team from Austria - all men. ~~So that's the show The Strongest Women in the World is bringing to American night clubs.~~

Joan says the theme of her act is - daintiness."

Explaining,

~~Explaining,~~ "I try to give it a feminine touch. For example, when I bend a steel bar around my neck, I do it with - a gay smile. Then I curtsy, and ask two men in the audience to try and straighten the steel bar.

("I bend six inch nails," Joan continues, "as I go from table to table. Or, sometimes, I bite a nail in half, in time to music.) If I lift a table with my teeth," Joan adds

demurely, "I always do it with graceful gestures."

~~Feminine charm, nothing but~~ <sup>77</sup> The Strongest

Woman in the world, Harry, with all that feminine charm.