

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:-

The Republican majority in the Eighteenth Congress will not attempt any vindictive laws to punish labor. The Republican Steering Committee of the House met today at the office of Congressman Joe Martin, majority Leader. And that was one of its most important decisions. The members of the Steering Committee were unanimous that the country needs constructive labor laws, not punitive. The first consideration must be the welfare of the whole nation. So, the Committee gave instructions to the Judiciary and Labor committees to study the problem, and draft laws.

The Committee's decision on taxes is what was expected. A twenty per cent reduction straight across the board, in personal income taxes. The Committee also feels that other taxes can ~~xx~~ be cut, without reducing government ~~xx~~ revenues. Hand in

hand with reduced taxes to go a cut in expenditures.  
But without any weakening of national defense.

Government controls to be swept away as rapidly as possible.

Also the Republicans to make a careful study of the housing program and work for the elimination of restraints which now stand in the way of construction.

All in all, the statement of the Steering Committee augurs a moderate program, with none of the anti-labor, anti-social measures which the other side predicted during the campaign.

ADD POLITICS

The Steering Committee of the Republican Senators was met today and came to much the same conclusion as the committee of Representatives. Senator Taft agreeing that individual income taxes can be cut and the budget reduced to ~~xxx~~ thirty billion dollars next year.

Taft has not yet made up his mind whether he wants to be Senate Majority Leader we hear.



## SUGAR

The victorious Republicans today came out with a new promise, one that will bring paens of joy. They're going to put an end to the sugar scarcity. Representative Jenkins of Ohio, a food authority, points out that there is only one reason for the acute shortage of sugar: that Washington just planned it that way. He says sugar production broke all records. In spite of this, we've had five hundred thousand tons less than during the same period last year.



RANKIN

The country today was treated to the edifying spectacle of a quarrel between a congressman and a scientist. The scientist is the famous astronomer, Dr. Harlow Shapley of Harvard. The Congressman is Rankin of Mississippi, ~~as~~ Chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. The Committee had summoned Dr. Shapley to Washington to tell about the activities of the C.I.O. P.A.C., the National Citizen's P.A.C., and the Independent Citizens' Committee of the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

Dr. Shapley arrived in Washington with his attorney, former Congressman Eliot of Boston. Rankin refused to admit the attorney ~~into~~ the Committee room, <sup>and</sup> insisted upon cross-questioning Dr. Shapley without benefit of counsel. The only other persons in the hearing room were the chief counsel of the Committee, an investigator for the Committee, and the official reporter. ~~Shapley's attorney sat outside in the ante room, furious at the~~

At the end of the hearing, Rankin rushed out and told reporters that he had cited the Harvard astronomer for contempt for refusing to answer questions and produce documents. Rankin declared that he had never seen a witness treat a committee with more contempt.

Dr. Shapley retorted by accusing Rankin of star chamber methods like those of the Gestapo. It later developed that Rankin had snatched some papers out of Shapley's hand. Which his attorney calls technical assault. He said also that Rankin had asked questions beyond the authority of the Committee. He said he stood on his rights as an American citizen and refused to submit to the Gestapo methods used by Rankin. Rankin, attempting to justify his procedure, said it was an executive session and the attorney had no business in there.

The man who was thus treated by the Mississippi Congressman has been head of the Harvard Observatory for twenty-five years.

## BILBO

And here's that man Bilbo again.

High Republican sources in Washington are saying that one of their first moves when the new Senate of the Eightieth Congress convenes will be to challenge Bilbo's right to a seat in the Senate.

Republicans say Bilbo proved himself unworthy of Senatorship by intimidation Negro voters and accepting gifts from war contractors.

Nor does this threat appear to be idle chatter. The whole matter and manner of Bilbo's recent election is said to have been laid before the meeting of the Republican Senate Steering Committee today, with the ground work for Bilbo's ouster started.

Under the Constitution, the Senate is the sole judge of who may sit in that body.



## BIG\_FOUR

A super-secret meeting of the Big Four Foreign Ministers is scheduled for tomorrow. Top representatives of the United States, Great Britain, Russia, and France will closet themselves to thrash out, perhaps once and for all, the problem of Trieste.

Today, the line-up ~~ON~~ a Russian ~~PLAN FOR TRIESTE~~ was three to one - three to one against Russia. And so the secret meeting.

Russian Foreign Minister Molotov presented the Big Four today with Russia's "minimum demands" as regards the disputed Italian seaport -- fourteen so-called "minimum demands" in fact.

They're too involved to relate, but most of all Molotov wants to get American and British occupation troops out of the Trieste area.

All the Russian proposals were turned down, and Secretary of State Byrnes, who was Chairman of today's meeting, decided that the Trieste situation might just as well be settled now as never.

BIG FOUR - 2.

So the Big Four Ministers will meet in secret tomorrow to ~~discuss~~ <sup>DEBATE</sup> once more the problem of who controls Trieste on the Adriatic Sea.

Uncle Sam is on the side of the nations which object to the incorporation of southwest Africa, former German colony, into the Union of South Africa. That is the principal news from Lake Success tonight. John Foster Dulles was the spokesman of this decision. Dulles told the Trusteeship Committee of the General Assembly, that the United States agrees that the data before the Assembly does not justify granting South Africa's request.

All of which puts us on the same side as Russia and the Soviet bloc. Premier Smuts of South Africa, of course, announced that his country is going to annex the former <sup>German</sup> ~~German~~ colony over which the League of Nations gave the Union of South Africa control, whether the U.N. approves or not.

Another high spot today, the small nations protesting the veto power of the big nations. In fact, Cuba called for a convention to rewrite the Charter of the United Nations, take away the veto power from the Big Five. New Zealand, the Philippines, Argentina,



Australia, Belgium, little El Salvador, and others had their say on this.

The Australians and Belgians, they limited their request -- merely asking the Big Powers to go easy, be more moderate in the use of the veto.

PALESTINE

The ~~offensive~~ Jewish underground offensive against railroad transportation in Palestine seems to be moving into its second phase tonight.

Today <sup>(there)</sup> came a warning from the terrorist organization, Irgun Zvai Leumi, to stay away from Palestine's already crippled railway system.

"From now on," says Irgun Zvai Leumi, "we plan indiscriminate sabotage by day and by night."

The reported objective -- to paralyze completely the Holy Land's railroads. <sup>And</sup>, that objective has almost been reached. The Haifa-<sup>TEL AVIV</sup> ~~line~~ Line is the only one in operation now, and this afternoon several mines were discovered on the tracks about fifteen miles south of Haifa.

How this new threat by Irgun Zvai Leumi will sit with the ordinary, non-combatant inhabitants of Palestine is hard to say. Arab and Jewish citrus fruit growers are now unable to carry out contracts for the delivery of oranges and grapefruits because of

the bombed out railroads. Damage to the roads themselves is estimated at more than One Million Dollars and hundreds of freight cars ~~laden~~<sup>laden</sup> with fruit and goods stand idle tonight far from their destinations.



## NOBEL

The Nobel Prize Committee today announced its awards for Nineteen Forty-six. With six Americans on the list. In the opinion of the Nobel Committee, the most distinguished achievement in the realm of physics was made by Professor Percy Williams Bridgman of Harvard. He to receive thirty-four thousand, seven hundred dollars of the money left by the inventor of dynamite -- this for inventing a gadget to produce extremely high pressures, and other discoveries.

The Peace Prize? It's to be divided between two Americans: Dr. John R. Mott, famed World Chairman of the Y. M. C. A., and Miss Emily Greene Balch of Wellesley, Massachusetts, Wellesley Professor of Political Economy and Honorary International President of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. Dr. Mott is eighty-one, Miss Balch seventy-nine. Quite a long while to wait for a prize.

In the field of chemistry, divided among three: One-half to Professor James Batcheller Sumner,

Professor of Biochemistry at Cornell, with the other half split between Professors Wendell Stanley and John Howard Northrop of the Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research at Princeton.

## ROOSEVELT

The people of Great Britain will put up a monument to the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in London. Prime Minister Clement Attlee himself will make an appeal on the radio -- the wireless -- Sunday night, for funds, a hundred and sixty thousand dollars, to pay for the F. D. R. statue. No money to be accepted from any American, and no one person to be allowed to contribute more than a ~~max~~ pound sterling -- about three dollars.

The memorial to be a ten-foot statue of bronze, showing F.D.R. in a characteristic pose, with his cloak thrown around his shoulders. Where to be erected? In the gardens of Grosvenor Square, near the U. S. Embassy, the house once occupied by John Adams, our first minister to the Court of St. James's.



## PLASMA

During the war, as we all know, hundreds of thousands of folks on the Home Front contributed to the war effort by donating blood plasma. It came to light today that in China these units are being sold -- twenty-five dollars a unit.

The word is that they were sold by The Foreign Liquidation Committee to Shanghai merchants for fifty cents a unit -- now <sup>re-sold</sup> ~~resold~~ at twenty-five dollars a unit.

The American Red Cross today insisted that the Foreign Liquidation Committee withdraw all plasma from the market, and buy back as many as possible of the units that have been sold, to be turned over to the Red Cross.

## HOLLYWOOD

Hollywood's seven-week old movie strike looked like this today -- a bus used to carry non-strikers was stolen and burned, a non-striker's house was set afire, and a striker was beaten with a blackjack.

These fresh incidents of violence have led Governor Warren to offer all the resources of his office to law-enforcement authorities.

Meanwhile, ten major movie producers and one film corporation joined in offering a Five Thousand Dollar reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible ~~in the last week~~ *IN THE LAST WEEK.* for the bombings of five non-strikers' homes. <sup>^</sup>

But the bitter dispute goes on. Late this afternoon, seven thousand members of the Conference of Studio Unions braved a rainstorm for a mass meeting at Hollywood's Legion Stadium. They heard one Union leader say that plans are being speeded for a national boycott of movies turned out by the major producers.

He added also that film stars who have persistently crossed picket lines will be black-listed in the future.



## PLANE

Another airplane crash, in Europe this time.

A K.L.M. airliner took off from Croydon, near London, for Holland, this evening. Halfway across the North Sea it radioed that an engine was on fire.

The pilot headed for an airfield at Schipol.

A later dispatch announced that all on board perished - twenty-five passengers, and, the entire crew.

On our <sup>own</sup> ~~own~~ Pacific coast, so far no trace of that plane reported missing last night -- eleven aboard.

Rain has been pouring steadily, and there is deep snow on the upper slopes of the coast range. Tony Levier, a veteran pilot who took second place in this year's Thompson Trophy Race, says the missing transport may be buried under snow on some mountaintop.

Ground parties are searching too -- with pack horses, army jeeps and weasels, all equipped with two-way radios, ready to move in any direction upon receiving word from searching airmen.

BULLETIN

On the bulletin board of the United Nations at Lake Success, a notice appeared today, which interested newspapermen particularly. That notice courteously requested correspondents not to hitch-hike automobile rides to New York by posing as delegates. That made the faces of a few newspapermen turn slightly red.

But a couple of hours later, they had their turn, This when another notice appeared asking delegates to quit crashing committee meetings to which they are not invited, by posing as reporters!

And now <sup>Nelson</sup> ~~we~~ we invite you to come crashing

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GEORGE

*Taken from early Nov. 14/46 bc.*

Here's another important American military figure whose talents will now go to the service of another country. After thirty years service for Uncle Sam. Lieutenant General Harold L. George, so announces our War Department - is leaving for South America to become President and chairman of the Board of the Peruvian International Airways.

This Hal George-Peruvian airline will operate passenger and cargo planes, regularly, between Peru, the U.S.A., Canada and the countries in between -- Lima to Montreal.

General George is famous in aviation circles around the globe, for the job he did in World War Two, building up our A T C from an organization of seventy-eight planes and eighteen hundred employees, to a globe-girdling military airline with four-hundred-and-fifty-six air bases around the world, some four ~~hundred~~ <sup>thousand</sup> big



planes, and a personnel of three-hundred-and-thirty thousand.

Years ago I had a friend, an American flier who had a somewhat similar assignment in Peru. A U.S. Naval flier, Dictator Leguia made him head of all civil and military aviation in Peru. One of the things he did was to open up the first airline, across the Andes, to the headwaters of the Amazon.

Grow had many thrilling adventures. The climax came with a Peruvian revolution. The rebels slapped him in jail, banged the cell door, and then forgot about him.

In the recent war he was back in our Navy, in command of our naval air and sea forces in the Marshall Islands. There he had a lot more unusual experiences, including the capture of the Jap stronghold of Truk.

Now a top ranking American Army airman goes

to Peru, this time as head of an international airline. Exactly sixteen years have elapsed since Harold Grow was Inspector General of aviation in Peru. And now Harold George goes there, to operate from Peru, an inter-continent Peruvian airway - flying giant four-motored planes.

Another indication of what a long long way aviation has travelled in sixteen years!

## ENGLAND

While Ernest Bevin is in New York for the United Nations meetings and conference of the Big Four Foreign Ministers, a revolt against him appears to be coming to a head in the British Labor Party. Some of the Laborites are opposed to his policy. They complain that their Foreign Secretary just blindly goes along on anything Secretary Byrnes suggests, so far as Russia is concerned. And, forty-four of them signed an amendment to the King's speech from the throne, an amendment criticizing their own Labor government.

Malcontents want Hugh Dalton, Labor Chancellor of the Exchequer, to take Bevin's place. According to one of their spokesmen, they want somebody like Henry Wallace -- which they think Hugh Dalton is.

In answering them Herbert Morrison, Lord President of the Council, offered a resolution censuring those Laborites who signed the amendment. And his resolution was adopted, by a vote of a hundred-and-twenty-six votes, to thirty-three. But -- one-hundred-and-twenty



refused to vote. And, eleven Labor M.P.s stayed away. In other words, only thirty-two percent of the Labor party membership in the House of Commons backed the Attlee, Bevin, Morrison line-up.

Whereupon there was a meeting of the London Cabinet to consider what <sup>appears to be</sup> ~~is considered~~ a critical situation. And the report tonight is that Prime Minister Attlee and his colleagues were unable to find a solution.