

A & P

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(Clifton Fadiman substituting.)

GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY:

The Federal Government has begun an attempt to break up the nation's greatest system of chain stores -- the A & P. Today Attorney General McGrath, who recently assumed office, **POPPED** ~~up~~ up with his first big case -- entering suit against the Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company. The charge is that the A & P amounts to a monopoly in violation of the anti-trust laws. The purpose of the suit is to **SPLIT** ~~the~~ the A & P into seven separate chains of retail food stores.

The Company **CAME BACK** ~~immediately~~ immediately with a formal statement denying that it is a monopoly.

LABOR

Strikes in steel and coal seem to be ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ <sup>WHAT THE</sup>

<sup>ADLINE WRITERS CALL LOOMING.</sup>

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~~\_\_\_\_\_~~. This evening the ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ Steel Company repeated its refusal to accept the recommendations of the President's FactFinding Board. This -- after C.I.O. President Philip Murray had made a blistering charge that the company is "deliberately seeking to force a strike."

In the coal dispute John L Lewis <sup>HAD HIS</sup> ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

<sup>EYEBROWS PINNED BACK.</sup>

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~. Saying the Cleveland Trust Company controls the Island Creek mines, he asked the bank to make the coal company pay its contribution to the union welfare fund. Yesterday the bank denied control, and tonight announces that, in any case, it approves of the decision of the company not to make payments into the welfare fund.

TRADE

The Senate this afternoon voted to renew the reciprocal trade program. All Republican attempts to impose restrictions were beaten down and the Bill was passed -- sixty-two to nineteen. ~~This represents~~ An important victory for the Truman administration.

## SUPREME COURT

There are some interesting angles to today's appointment to the Supreme Court. The new Justice, Sherman Minton, is an Indiana boy. When he began to study law he had as classmates two other Hoosiers. One was Paul V. McNutt, at one time often mentioned as presidential timber. The other classmate actually did run for the Presidency. His name was Wendell Wilkie.

In 1935 Sherman Minton was elected to the Senate as a New Dealer. When the bill to pack the Supreme Court came up, Minton supported [REDACTED] Roosevelt, in his criticism of the court. In a speech he said: "The Supreme Court is setting itself up as a super-legislator." Well, today, the Justice is a super-legislator himself.

In the Senate, where he served only one term, he had a seat way in the back. Right next to him sat another new Senator - - from Missouri. His name was Harry Truman.

One more amusing bit of irony: Years ago, when Minton was doing post-graduate work at the Yale Law School, one of his professors was an ex-President -- William Howard Taft. On one occasion Professor Taft was expounding some point of Constitutional Law. Minton disagreed. They argued about it for some time until finally Taft said: "I'm afraid, Mr. Minton, that if you don't like the way this law has been interpreted, you'll have to get a job on the Supreme Court and change it."

P.S. He's got the job.

NAVY

There was action, and counter-action, today - in the case of Captain John G. Crommelin, the Navy flyer who created an uproar last weekend by charging an attempt to destroy naval aviation.

*Captain John G. Crommelin*

Today, ~~he~~ was removed from his post as an aid to

the joint chiefs of staff. <sup>WELL,</sup> That sounded like punishment.

Then it was announced that he'd been named Director of Aviation

Personnel, a top level job held until yesterday by a Rear

Admiral. Navy sources said this was - "a pat on the back."

Meaning - ~~that~~ Captain Crommelin would be promoted to Rear

Admiral.

<sup>BUT</sup>

~~the~~ Counter-action was immediate. Secretary of the Navy Matthews, cancelled the assignment, saying he'll block any promotion for Crommelin.

SAILOR

Sailor Joe Towles arrived in Italy today, after having been ~~rescued~~ <sup>FISHED</sup> out of the Mediterranean Sea by an American merchant ship. He'd been floating for twelve hours, after falling off his ship - the giant aircraft carrier CORAL SEA.

He was taken to the American Naval Attache, who <sup>INQUIRED</sup> ~~asked~~ sternly: "How, with all that deck space, big enough for a squadron of planes to land on, did you ever happen to fall off that ship?"

<sup>REPLIED</sup> ~~Sailor~~ <sup>JOE</sup> ~~said~~: "Well, sir, I just don't know. I was walking along on that ship and all of a sudden I found myself in the water." Nobody saw him fall overboard and he was reported lost. But luckily he had on a Mae West life preserver, ~~and floated until he was picked up.~~

It takes a special kind of talent to fall off an aircraft carrier. Joe's explanation may have been a little hazy. However, he was definite about how it felt

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to drift for twelve hours in the middle of the Mediter-  
17 ranean. Said Joe: "It wasn't no fun, Bud."



# RETAKE

At Mount Clemens, Michigan, Wayne Bacon, who is no doctor, performed an appendectomy - he operated on himself with a pistol. Shot off his vermiform appendix. No, I'm not kidding. Here's the story.

Wayne was starting to clean a twenty-two calibre revolver. You've guessed it - he didn't know it was loaded. He shot himself in the abdomen - or abdomen, whichever you like.

Today, at the hospital, the doctor declared that the <sup>HAD</sup> bullet <sup>^</sup>snipped off Wayne's appendix neatly and cleanly - "almost as well as if it were a professional job," says the surgeon.

Now Wayne ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ Bacon's doing okay - waiting for a bill from a couple of doctors named Smith and Wesson.

**TIBET**

Tonight Lowell Thomas, on his way to the Forbidden City of Lhasa, gives us the story of the Chinese he mentioned yesterday. Our guess that there'd be an international political angle to it turns out to be correct. But let's have Lowell himself tell it in a recorded broadcast from Tibet.

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Lowell Thomas, over there in Tibet, seems to have stumbled on something he couldn't have figured in advance. Deep in the remote Himalayas, far from any news, he couldn't have known about recent dispatches stating that the government of the Dalai Lama had ordered the expulsion of Chinese political missions to Tibet - because of the danger of their going over to the Reds. That maybe the mysterious angle he'll discover when he gets to the Forbidden City. Or it may turn out to be something else - ~~something~~ <sup>JUST AS</sup> mysterious. Here in this New York studio it's kinda hard to guess, isn't it, Nelson?

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As Lowell Thomas Says,  
So Long Till Tomorrow

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