

COAL

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There was another break-up today in the coal negotiations. Yesterday we heard how John L. Lewis had put in a demand for a seventy million dollar Welfare Fund, and how the Companies showed all indications of turning it down. That happened today, with the coal operators calling the Lewis proposal - "a new social theory ~~and~~ philosophy." <sup>TR</sup> They argued that a payroll tax paid to the Union would be an encroachment on the taxing powers of the federal government. They cited a whole series of angles to support the contention that the seventy million dollar union fund would amount to - "a new social theory ~~and~~ philosophy." And they didn't intend to ~~authorize~~ <sup>theorize</sup> and philosophize to that extent. So the negotiations broke down again today.

President Truman had instructed the negotiators to agree on a contract by today. However, the report from the White House this afternoon was - deadlock.

And there doesn't seem to be too much likelihood that the companies and the unions will be able to affect a settlement by May Twenty-Fifth - the day on which the strike truce <sup>is to</sup> ~~will~~ <sup>TP</sup> end. What will happen then? The truce might be extended - or the government might take over the ~~coal~~ mines. If it does, will the miners stay on the job - for the government? There is no indication of what President Truman intends to do, but there is insistent word at the White House that he is determined that the soft coal mines will not shut down again.

## RAILROADS

In the Railroad-Labor dispute, we have news of modified optimism. The representatives of the Unions and Companies, having been brought together last night by President Truman, report - progress. But there is nothing definite. They're still negotiating, hoping for some sort of compromise break that will enable them to agree.

President Truman yesterday asked them to report to the White House in forty-eight hours. That ~~late~~ <sup>is</sup> a deadline, ~~which is~~ twenty-four hours in advance of the time set for the railroad strike - four P.M. Saturday. Washington notes that twenty-four hours will give the government long enough to take over the railroads and avert a tie-up - assuming that no agreement is reached by the Unions and Companies. The expectation is that the trainmen will stay on the job, with the government in control.



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This expectation was borne out this afternoon by word from Cleveland, where the Railroad Brotherhoods ordered workers of the Illinois Central to stay on their jobs - strike or no strike. The Illinois Central right now is under government control, and today's Union order is taken as a general indication that there will be no walkout if the federal authorities take over all the railroads.



## BASEBALL

Here's a late bulletin from the world of sports, - telling about something that has been under discussion for some time. Actually, it's a case of sports and labor, - a Baseball Players' Union. We've been hearing about the formation of a "American Baseball Guild." All of which has been under cover - but now the Baseball Players' Union makes its first big move. The Guild <sup>has</sup> notified ~~that~~ the Pittsburgh Pirates that, what it calls, "an overwhelming majority" of players on the team are union members, and the Guild summons the management of the Pirates to collective bargaining.

## FOREIGN MINISTERS

The latest from Paris is that the Council of Foreign Ministers will adjourn tomorrow - until June Fifteenth. This was suggested by American Secretary of State Byrnes, as we heard yesterday. <sup>TP</sup> The Council has accomplished mighty little, and one of the last things that happened today was another Soviet rejection. Molotov turned down the proposal made by ~~American~~ ~~Secretary of State~~ Byrnes for a general peace conference of the United Nations. Byrnes wanted to set definite dates. He put forward a time schedule for the summoning of a general peace conference to conclude treaties with former satellites of Nazi Germany - and with Germany too. But Molotov said - No. He would not commit himself to any date for a peace treaty.

There was, however, one agreement today - concerning a revision of the armistice with Italy. All along the United States and Great Britain had been

wanting to have those terms modified, so as to give Italy a chance to get back to normal - and now they

succeed. Molotov agreed <sup>s</sup> that a document <sup>urgent</sup> of revision

will be signed tomorrow - just before the Council

adjourns until June Fifteenth.



## MACARTHUR

The new clash between the MacArthur regime ~~and Japan~~ and the Soviet delegate on the Control Commission revolves around a letter addressed to MacArthur and the Control Commission on May Day. The letter, written in Japanese, was unsigned, a ~~Japanese~~ complaint against the way things were going in the conquered country. Examination of the phraseology, however, seems to indicate that the document was not written by a Japanese at all. It shows signs of having been composed by a non-Japanese writer.

So today MacArthur's representative, George Acheson told the Soviet delegate that the letter appears to have been nothing more than an attempt to spread Communistic propoganda. He said it attacked the Japanese government in power, which <sup>was</sup> ~~is~~ pointless -- because the Tokyo Cabinet was to retire soon. The tone of the missive was <sup>one of red</sup> ~~that of great~~ agitation -- and doesn't seem to have been written by a Japanese at all.

The inferences are fairly plain and George Acheson stated bluntly to the Soviet delegate;

"I don't need to tell you that the United States does not favor Communism either in the United States or Japan."

He went on to repeat the ~~condition~~ <sup>intention</sup> that the Control Council, <sup>in Tokyo,</sup> which includes a Soviet representative, was created merely to consult and to advise. The Soviets have been complaining about this attitude, giving the Council a secondary position. Acheson today reiterated the MacArthur ~~condition~~ <sup>intention.</sup>

## DINNER

I have a feeling right now that I ought to be, not a ~~mere news man~~ <sup>new analyst,</sup> but a sports ~~announcer,~~ <sup>announcer,</sup> I might hold forth with something like this - Dempsey leads with his right, and passes the butter to Tunney, with the Marquess of Queensbury as Referee, while Boxing ~~Commissioner~~ Commissioner Eddie Egan watches carefully to see that the rules are enforced. (And Impresario Mike Jacobs is busy counting the house.)

Here at the Waldorf, we're having a dinner, to honor the Marquess of Queensbury, grandson of that British peer who, in the last century, laid down the regulations of the sport of boxing - the Marquess of Queensbury Rules. Our host is W. French Githens, President of National Educational Films, <sup>who</sup> ~~and he~~ has assembled ~~here~~ a dazzling company - including those two former heavyweight champions, whose Dempsey-Tunney fights are legends of prize<sup>r</sup>ing history. And over there is former Lightweight



Champion, Benny Leonard. Boxing Commissioner Eddie Eagan is here; ~~and so is~~ Promotor Mike Jacobs; Branch Rickey of the ~~Brooklyn~~ Dodgers, Bridge Master Ely Culbertson, former Postmaster General Jim Farley, Racing Executive Herbert Bayard Swope, and famous Flyers ~~Jimmy Doolittle~~, <sup>General</sup> Colonel Philip Cochran and Clyde Pangborn. Newspapermen ~~are here in force~~, <sup>too,</sup> headed by William Randolph Hearst, Jr., Roy Howard, and Jack Wheeler.

The talk is all about the forthcoming Louis-Conn fight, which the Marquess of Queensbury has come over to cover in the capacity of a sports writer for a London newspaper. Champion Joe Louis and Challenger Billy Conn are, of course, busy in their training camps - not indulging in the social amenities. Radiomen here are talking about the fact that the Louis-Conn bout is to be televised by N.B.C. - the first time a match for the heavyweight championship of the world has ever been

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*I hope they televise it for*  
televised. - ~~so that thousands of people, far as away from~~  
*those in the back seats - ~~at the~~*  
~~the arena will witness the hostilities~~  
~~only in the 25 seats!~~

~~But now,~~ I ~~think~~ I'll ask the Marquess of

Queensbury to tell us a thing or two about his being over  
here, on matters pertaining to boxing, the sport with which  
his name and title are so closely identified.

*So - in this corner -*

~~So permit me to present~~ the Marquess of

Queensbury!

FOLLOW DINNER

Thank you - and, after the Marquess of  
Queensbury, let's hear something from the Duke of  
Cauliflower, Mike Jacobs.



EAGLE

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From Soviet Russia comes the story of an air battle between a plane and an eagle. It happened in the Caucasus, which is mountain country - where eagles haunt the crags and cliffs. The eagles, they fly high in the Caucasus, as in Mobile. The plane, a passenger transport, was flying along, when the eagle made two attacks - two passes <sup>at it.</sup> ~~at the~~ plane.

In the first, the pilot saw the big bird coming straight down out of the sky, hurling itself like a rock. He swerved the plane to one side, and the eagle missed - but went swooping ~~off~~ around - for another attack. This time the eagle hit a wing, and crashed through, - <sup>He</sup> ~~she~~ was found dead, jammed in the wing-flaps when the plane landed.



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So the English translation of the Soviet accusation against the Embassy clerk uses the term -- Hooligan, in describing the passes.

The story would seem to be that Waldo Ruess of the American Embassy met a beautiful Russian Actress at a party, offered to drive her home, and she accepted. The Moscow police declare that on the way he stopped the car, and made those Hooligan passes. The actress objected, and complained to the police. I suppose she was used to proletarian passes, but not the Hooligan variety.

So now the Soviets have summoned the clerk to court -- to put him on trial. This, however, is rejected by the American Embassy officials. The clerk has been instructed to ignore the Soviet summons to court, on the ground that he has diplomatic immunity - which covers a multitude of sins and passes.

Today's news tells the latest. The clerk is entitled to a vacation back in the United States, but the Soviet authorities refuse to give him permission to



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go. So there he is in Moscow, and can't get out.

Behind all this there are suspicions of deeper implications. It is noted that big-shot Bolsheviks have never been known to display such tender solicitude for the delicate sensibilities of an actress. There is, likewise, an element of timing. The Hooligan passes occurred last winter, months ago, but nothing was said about the matter at the time. The charge against the Embassy clerk has been brought forward only recently - so why the delay?

The surmises point to the fact that a Soviet naval officer is being held in the United States on espionage charges - Lieutenant Redin, who is scheduled to stand trial on the Pacific Coast for <sup>making passes</sup> ~~groping into~~ <sup>at</sup> secrets of the United States Navy. The belief is that the Kremlin officials may be taking action against the Embassy clerk by way of reprisal - holding him over there as a kind of hostage.

All of which makes the matter a peculiar affair of state - the case of the <sup>real</sup> Hooligan passes.

## COURT

Since this occasion is so much concerned with the art of boxing, let's end with a story of pugilism - something for the Marquess of Queensbury here and also for Impresario Mike Jacobs. In fact, I think <sup>Mike</sup> ~~he~~ might sign up Judge Homer E. Sackett of Gary, Indiana. Of course, the Judge is seventy - but he has a mighty punch, a knockout wallop.

In his Gary, Indiana court today, Judge Sackett was presiding over a divorce trial - wifie suing hubby. A witness was testifying in her behalf, a woman friend of the wife. The testimony she gave made the husband angry. He lost his temper completely. A six-footer of thirty-five, he jumped up, walked over to the woman witness, and smacked her in the eye. This evening the lady has a shiner. ~~That was~~

That was too much for the chivalrous judge, <sup>who</sup> charged down from the bench, and went into action. He too is husky - though seventy might seem to be no match for thirty-five. He grabbed the husband, smacked him one, and floored him. The husband didn't take much of

a count, he jumped right up and swung at the Judge.  
Whereupon <sup>Aged</sup> His Honor floored him again.

Bailiffs from the ~~XXXXXX~~ court intervened, and stopped the fracas - whereupon the real knockout was administered.

The judge returned to the bench -- and, recovering his judicial dignity, he announced: "Guilty of contempt of court. Ninety days in jail, and a fine of two hundred dollars. Take him away!"

*Hugh - take it away.*