

C.J. - P. & G. Friday, Feb. 4, 1949. (Trushee)

PERSIA

The surprising thing in the news from Iran tonight is----that the Shah of Persia is alive. He was injured only slightly--- after an almost miraculous escape from an assassination attempt today. Miracle is an easy word to use---- But this does seem to be it.

This afternoon shah Mohammed ^{Reza}~~Reza~~ Pahlavi proceeded in state for an anniversary celebration at the University of Teheran. The Royal automobile rolled along, and pulled up at the steps of the University. There stood a man with a camera, a newspaper correspondent, who seemed all ready to make a photograph of the young monarch.

Out of the car stepped Mohammed Reza Pahlavi and, as he did so, the newspaperman stopped focusing his camera, ~~he~~ drew a pistol, and at point-blank-range ~~he~~ opened fire.

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He shot five times, at so short a distance that he literally couldn't miss. Two bullets hit the S^hah, one in the body and another in the mouth, while ~~the~~ three bullets went through his hat. Tonight his injuries were described as ~~being~~ minor, after surviving what certainly

was a hail of bullets. *The bullet wound in the body - superficial. And the other three the mouth without hitting*
The would-be assassin was immediately assailed

and badly beaten by the guards of the S^hah and by people nearby. Why he tried to kill the monarch is not yet known----- has not come through on the wire.

All~~E~~ we are told is that ~~M~~^martial law has been declared in Teheran---- after as dramatic^{an} escape from assassination as you will find in the record of murderous violence~~s~~e against kings.

CHINA

China, in addition to a civil war with the communists, is ~~having~~ a crisis in the Nationalistic government. In the face of the Red Victories, the regime once headed by Chiang Kai-Shek is facing a split.

The point of issue is----whether or not the government should leave Nanking and go to Southern China, Canton.

The acting president, Lee Tsung Jen, ~~does not think so.~~ He is determined to remain in Nanking, together with various government boards. The opposite view is taken by ~~the~~ Premier, Sun Fo----- who has decided to move to Canton, ~~together~~ with his cabinet. ~~The premier and his group announce that the Nationalist government will~~ ^{to} begin operating in Canton-----tomorrow.

That issue, of Nanking vs Canton, is in such dispute that it may cause disintegration of the Nationalist administration.

ADD CHINA

Tonight the Chinese Reds hurl a blast against General Douglas MacArthur. They declare that the Supreme Commander in Tokio has arranged to have two hundred and sixty Japanese war criminals transferred from China to Japan. The Communists insist that these Jap prisoners be turned over to them, they accused MacArthur of interfering in the internal affairs of China.

CARDINAL

The United States is making a protest to the Government of Red Hungary---- In the matter of the trial of Cardinal Mindszenty. The complaint is that official American representatives have been excluded from the trial,--- can't get in.

From London-----~~The word~~ that Great Britian has already protested on the same score. It is pointed out that the Hungarian peace treaty contains a guarantee of religious freedom in Hungary. Hence Great Britian and the United States, as signers of the treaty, are entitled to have observers at a proceeding with so much religious implication as the trial of Cardinal Mindszenty, primate of Hungary.

Meanwhile in Budapest, the trial continues rapidly. Today confessions were made by two defendants, who are accused along with the Cardinal. One is prince paul Estershazy, a great landholder →

and the bearer of an ancient historical name.
For long centuries the Esterhazy's have been
just about the most notable and powerful family
among the magnates of Hungary.

Today prince paul Esterhazy admitted, in court,
that he engaged in black market transactions.

He said he had done this in behalf of cardinal
Mindszenty. The charge is that the black-
market-money-deals were for the purpose of obtaining
funds in support of the monarchist ~~is~~ cause.-----

The Cardinal being opposed to the red dictatorship
and in favor of having a king in Hungary once more.

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In his testimony Prince Esterhazy declared that a check from Cardinal Spellman of New York was included in a shipment of money he sent to Austria - in violation of the regulations of the Red authorities.

Proceedings later in the day ~~xx~~ feature the much talked of letter that Cardinal Mindszenty wrote ~~at the time~~ before his arrest - a letter in which he warned that any confession that he might make should not be accepted, should be regarded as something forced and extorted. A copy of the letter was read in court, and the Cardinal acknowledged that he had written it, and sent copies ~~abroad~~ abroad.

Whereupon the Communist Judge demanded:

"Did any one force you to confess?" "No," replied, the Cardinal, who has made a partial confession. --
^{he}
~~But~~ still denies that he plotted the overthrow of the Red Government, ~~saying today that his admissions were made freely.~~ The prelate explained that the ^latter he sent was now what he called -- out-dated.

ATOMIC:

I have one bit of news today, which ~~certainly is~~ ^{makes me}
~~want to revisit~~
~~going to send me to~~ Berkeley, California, ~~as a part~~
~~as the high spot of this Western trip,~~ It is a
~~headline to make me an excuse to visit that center~~
~~of ATOMIC science,~~ ^{revisit} the radiation laboratory ^{there} ~~at the~~
~~University of California~~ ^{to} and renew old acquaintances
~~there~~ with Dr. Ernest Lawrence, the Nobel prize
winning creator of the cyclotron, ~~and Rex Barton~~
~~long time friend who runs~~ ^{in the} administrative ^{work} ~~work in~~
~~the domain of atomic research.~~ I don't remember
~~and~~ ^{who took us thru}
~~Dr. Edwin Mcmillan,~~ ^{while visiting among}
~~two years ago when he was just~~
~~the atomic scientists there.~~ But, if not, I will
~~starting the work that is headlined~~
~~try to this time~~ because he is the hero of the
~~in every paper in the country today.~~
~~scientific headline today.~~

^{tell of the}
Dispatches from Berkeley ~~state that they have started~~
~~the~~ operation of the synchrotron, which is a sort of
super-atom-smasher, something beyond the cyclotron,
far more powerful. The synchrotron was intended
to smash, not only the atom, but also those abysmal

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particles that make up the atom.

The syn^hotron, with three hundred million
electron volts, has gone into action----
and is a success.

Its creator ^{is} Dr. Edwin Mcmillan, ~~who is now~~ *And the*
~~entitled to take the scientific bow. His~~
achievement involves all sorts of new and
original angles down in the depths of abstruse
technology, and also includes-----a Soviet
angle.

The San Francisco Examiner today prints a
story of how several years ago Dr. McMillan
published the scientific idea on which the
syn^hotron was based. A couple of months
later there was a claim from a Soviet scientist
saying that he had concieved the idea first.
His name was Veckslar-----a German ---sounding
name by the way, which might indicate that he
is German. A^s proof he sent along a Russian

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scientific journal, in which his own idea was printed.

Dr. McMillan ^{modestly} wrote an immediate reply to Veckslar, saying----"Yes, you were first."

It was a situation familiar ~~in~~ in the history of science; two men arriving at the same thought independently, not knowing anything about the work of the other.

Dr. McMillan states: "There is no doubt that Veckslar had the idea first. We now know that his first notes on it were published in the Russian language many months before the concept came to me."

The cordial acknowledgement from the American physicist drew a reply from the Soviet scientists----
A friendly letter from Veckslar, in terms of excellent fellowship. The correspondence might have gone on, as is common between scientists.

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But that friendly letter from Vecksler was the first and the last. Dr. McMillan has heard no more from him----- The iron curtain closing down.

Has Vecksler gone ahead with his idea and built a synchroⁿton in Soviet Russia?
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His letter indicated that he intended to do so. His project, however, was on a much smaller scale than the one now in operation at Berkeley----only one tenth as large. But what has he actually done? What success has he had? Is there a synchroton working in Soviet Russia? We don't know,----that is behind the iron curtain.

Roosevelt

We have a denial of a story, by a physician, that the late president Roosevelt suffered paralytic strokes during the years prior to his death. The denial comes from the daughter of the late President, Mrs. Anna Roosevelt Boettiger----- who, on the radio, declared that her father had no paralytic stroke until he died.

The physician is Dr. Karl Wold---- Staff member of a hospital at Saint Paul, Minnesota. His account is published in magazine---Look.

Dr. Wold has written a book called, "Mr. President, *How* is your health?" He says that in preparing book, he studied the medical **history** of Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Dr. Wold declares that the late President had a paralytic stroke in the late summer of 1938, about two years before the third term election. Mrs. Boettiger says this is not true, and ~~relates an incident to~~ .

relate^s an incident to illustrate her father's good physical condition after the alleged stroke. She says that, on a fishing trip to the Galapagos Islands he caught the largest fish on the voyage, a 235 pound shark. Yes, it would take pretty good physical condition to land a shark that big.

TP The physician states that president Roosevelt had an attack of influenza during the trip he made to the Cairo and Teheran conference.

A^{fter} his return he was examined by what the doctor calls----"a parade of physicians."

S^o, what was their findings? Doctor Wold answers that in the following words:---

"That he had a stroke and was suffering ~~x~~ from general deterioration, and two of them doubted that he could live until July 1, 1944." He goes on to tell of another physician who examined the president, and ~~expressed~~ in a private opinion, ~~he~~ is said to have declared that it was fifty-fifty chance that Mr.

Roosevelt would not live to the end of his third term.

Doctor Wold refers to the way Franklin Delano Roosevelt looked during his fourth term campaign--- During which he made a tour of New York City in an open car and in the worst of a weather. The late President's daughter asserts her father's good health in that period by saying;- "My only recollection of any conversation about the weather was father laughing over how it was arranged for him to change to dry clothes once during the tour, without getting out of his automobile."

Doctor Wold relates that President Roosevelt suffered still another paralytic stroke on March 25, 1945-----about three weeks before his death of cerebral hemorrhage. Which is likewise denied by Mrs. Boettiger, in this latest controversy over what is becoming something of an historical mystery, -----the health of the ^{late} President ^{F.D.R.} ~~Franklin Delano~~

NAVAJOS

The plight of the Navajo indians in arizona ^{is}
~~is~~ ^{again} featured in the news----- and a big effort
is on to help them. ^{TP} At the same time, the
Navajos have been in a bad state for years----
~~However,~~ ^{poverty-stricken,} under-nourished,
living in primitive misery on their desolate
reservation. ~~They are~~ Chronically threatened
with disease----~~But,~~ that's only one side of
the story.)

Because here comes the American medical association
making a study of why the Navajoes are so free
of cancer, diabetes, and several other maladies.
A team of doctors is going to the Indian country
to study the matter.

Medical science points out that the diet of the
Navajo^s is far below standard-----low in
quality and quantity. Which makes the doctors
wonder-----May not this low diet have something
to do with facts like these. A mission hospital
on the Navajo reservation has a record of 30,000

Indians admitted for medical treatment.

But among these there were only 36 cases of cancer. In the ~~the~~ same number of white persons, the doctors declare "there should have been about 1800". The same story goes for diabetes----- only 5 cases were found among 25,000 indians. Among the whites, the figure would have been 75 times as great. All of which may be connected with the poor nutrition of the Navajos----- and this, in turn, may reflect on the rich and abundant diet of the whites

~~Mr. Thomas:~~

~~This can be out or dropped.~~

WIFE:--

At Pacoima, California, Donald Gregory Meyer and his wife, Altie, are having a second honeymoon ----- after a singular version of the drama of a soldier missing in war. For four years she believed him killed in action ---- and he was trying to find her.

Back in those war times Donald went into the army and presently was in the battle of Germany. He left his wife at his parents home in Douglass Wyoming, and there she waited for him to return. Instead, she received a notice from the Army that her husband had been killed in the fighting in Germany, 1944.

Whereupon the wife, thinking herself a widow, left the house of her parents-in-law, going away determined to start her own life all over again.

She wanted to vanish and have a new start. She

became a nurse, a grey lady, at a Veterans' Hospital |
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX } in Pacoima.

As the years went by one thing puzzled her. She never received any word about her husband's insurance or pension ---- benefits to which she, as a war widow, was entitled. But she didn't do anything about it, not until recently when friends urged her to make an inquiry. They said, that first of all she should telephone to her in-laws in Wyoming.

So she did. She put in a long distance call ---- and when she got the number, a man's voice answered the phone. Her husband's voice.

Instead of having been killed in battle in Germany, he had been wounded and taken prisoner ---- and he had been trying to find her ever since his return home.

So now they are having a second honeymoon. *And*
now - our honeymoon spot - Ken
Niles - in H¹ wood.