

SUB LEAD

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The announced return of Secretary of State Marshall is explained by the White House in these words -- "he proposes to discuss matters of considerable importance with the President." Importance indeed -- that east-west crisis, as it is developing in the Paris meeting of the United Nations. The President has called the Secretary home for discussions, Marshall ~~is~~ to fly back to Paris after only a day or two in Washington.

Because of this President Truman is cutting short his campaign swing through the East. His final stump speeches were to have been on Saturday, but these are out -- because the President will be in Washington discussing the crisis with the Secretary of State.

As a companion piece to this, we have Governor Dewey conferring with John Foster Dulles, the Republican representative on the American delegation to the U N Assembly. Dulles flew across from Paris to talk over the crisis with the Republican candidate.

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This was a day of drama in Paris, events at the United Nations developing with qualities of suspense.

(It was a foregone conclusion that the Soviet^s would be defeated in the Security Council -- in spite of all their violent oratory, fighting to keep the Berlin Crisis out of the jurisdiction of the U. N.) But what would they do -- upon being beaten? Would they boycott the proceedings? Or might the ~~xxxxxx~~ Soviets now pull out of the United Nations altogether?

The Security Council met today, the galleries jammed with spectators, many of whom were delegates from the General Assembly of the U. N. Vishinsky led off with another ^{harangue,} ~~xxxxxxxx~~ repeating his violent arguments of yesterday, including that remarkable contention -- that there is no blockade of Berlin. Well, if it isn't a blockade, what is it? Oh, just a matter of stopping food supplies, I suppose.

Then the Security Council took a vote, and the result was nine to two in favor of the western powers. So now the suspense was at a climax, the Council room

COMPTON

Washington announces the resignation of our "scientific chief of staff". That was the unofficial title which, during wartime, the newsmen gave Dr. Vannevar Bush - who figured so importantly in the development of the atomic bomb. He resigned today as Chairman of the Armed Forces Research and Development Board -- reminding President Truman that it was understood a year ago that he would retire.

His place is taken by another scientist of eminence, Dr. Carl P. Compton, President of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Dr. Compton, too, played a great part in wartime science, like the development of the atomic bomb. He was closely associated with Dr. Bush -- whom he succeeds as "scientific Chief of Staff".

LEWIS

Some mighty hard words were spoken today -- uttered by a past master in the art of speaking hard words, John L. Lewis -- and he was talking about President Truman. The Mine Union Chief has been at bitter feud with the President for some time, and today he addressed a convention of the United Mine Workers at Cincinnati. Subject -- Politics. If I were to quote at length from the John L. Lewis oration on Truman, the vitriol might burn the microphone. ~~So I guess I'd better not, we need this microphone.~~

~~So what about Governor Dewey? Today Lewis did not mention Dewey. The question of the Republican candidate is left to a later session probably tomorrow.~~ Union officials are saying that Lewis and the miners are not likely to come out with an endorsement of Dewey. They'll confine themselves to blasting Truman, and let the rest of it be -- by inference.

FOLLOW LEWIS

John L. Lewis also receives a blast -- a broadside hurled at him by Attorney General Clark, In his address to the miners union today Lewis made the charge that the Department of Justice had tapped his telephone wires. This tonight, is denied by the Attorney General, who states that there was no need to tap the telephone wires. He put it in these words: "Lewis talked so loud and bellowed so much it was not necessary."

EX-PRESIDENTS

A proposal was made today in an old problem of the American Political System -- the problem of ex-presidents. What shall a president do after he leaves the White House?

Today's answer is given by Senator Taft of Ohio, who proposes that every ex-president should be made, what he calls -- "a member at large" of the Senate. That is, a member without a vote, who would participate in the deliberations and debates. He could argue and advise -- and thereby give the Senate the advantage of the vast experience gained in the White House. This dignified position to be accompanied by an income of ~~twenty~~ twenty-five thousand dollars a year.

Senator Taft, is himself, the son of a president -- who, when his term of office expired, became a Professor at Yale, ^{and} later ~~to become~~ Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. William Howard Taft had a distinguished career after retiring from the White House. -- But, as his son points out, this has not always been possible for ex-presidents. They have not always had the means of living in suitable dignity, and some have taken commerc

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posts and have been criticized for -- "capitalizing on their name," as the Senator puts it.

Well, without going back to the beginnings of the Republic, we may recall that General Grant had an unfortunate career as an ex-president, going into the Stock Brokerage Business and incurring financial reverses. Grover Cleveland became an Insurance Executive, acquitting himself with honor. Calvin Coolidge retired to his New England Farm, and turned out syndicated newspaper articles, *and became a director of a life ins. co.* Theodore Roosevelt had an inherited fortune -- *he himself had* Herbert Hoover a fortune earned as an engineer, *in fact he never accepted any pay from Uncle Sam* Today, in his handsome proposal for ex-presidents, Senator Taft could not quite keep out ~~of~~ his own political slant as a Republican leader. He said that, after November, this country would have two - ex-presidents -- Herbert Hoover and Harry S. Truman. *So* ~~but anyway~~ the Senator means well by our ex-presidents, *including any ~~ex~~ new ex-President, since he obviously doesn't have Mr. Hoover in mind.*

SUB LEAD HURRICANE

A few hours ago Miami, Florida, had the weird experience - of being the eye of the hurricane. The revolving twister hit the city late this afternoon, with a lashing gale that blew from southwest to northeast. Then came the sudden dead calm, the eye. That is, the dead center of the whirling wind, where all is quiet. The calm lasted for forty-five minutes, hardly a breeze blowing -- after which the wind hit again, the other ^{side} of the tempest, the gale slamming in from the opposite direction. From northeast to southwest. The one-two punch of the hurricane.

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Out on the other side of the Pacific comes the same story with a different name- typhoon. It is travelling toward Japan tonight, after blasting Okinawa and doing ten million dollars worth ~~of damage~~ →

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of damage to the huge Naval and Air Force installations, no casualties among the Americans on Okinawa -- who had plenty of warning to duck.

This typhoon has been given a nickname by the Army weather observers. They're calling it -- Libby. Just why you should give a typhoon such a sweet girlish name I don't know, but maybe one of the weather observers has a wife named Libby. They say it's possible to marry a typhoon. They've given the tropical howler a name, to distinguish it from still another -- a second storm, now blowing in toward Iwo Jima. Typhoon number two they call Martha. Yes, it all sounds like domestic life, Libby and Martha.

TREASON

Today a judge at Los Angeles imposed a death sentence for treason. This -- in the case of the Japanese-American Tomoya Kawakita, whose trial has been going on for some time.

American-born of Japanese parents, he returned to Japan for a visit before war broke out and was taken into enemy service as an interpreter. He was employed at a prison camp where Americans were kept, and evidence at his trial pictured his brutality toward ~~XXXXXX~~ them -- brutality so great that several died.

After the war he got a permit from the American occupation forces, and came back to the United States. He was over here, going about free and unmolested, when a former American prisoner of war recognized him on the street, and took the matter to the F.B. I.

At the trial the defense of Kawakita was that the Japanese forced him to maltreat the prisoners. But he was found guilty of going over to the enemy. No date of execution was set, because an appeal is being made.

In the whole history of the United States no person has ever been executed for treason. The death sentence has been passed at various times -- but because of appeals or clemency, has never been carried out.

As such execution, that today agents of the Treasury Department were investigating. For several hours they questioned Wallace Wilson, supposed to have found the treasure.

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CAVE

At Gads Hill, Missouri, there's a mystery with a fine Ozark flavor -- a timber worker reported to have found one hundred thousand dollars in gold in a cave that used to be a hide-out of Jesse James. This has created so much sensation, that today agents of the Treasury Department were investigating. For several hours they questioned Wallace Wilcox, who^{is} said to have found the treasure.

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ten thousand dollars in gold pieces, which Wallace Wilcox told him he had found in the cave. The Banker adds that he believes the treasure totals about a hundred thousand dollars -- in gold.

Well, in the Arabian Nights we read about Ali Baba and his cave crammed with wealth. To which we now have a counterpart at Wads Hill, Missouri -- a cave of Ali Baba in the Ozarks. Or rather, the Treasure of Jesse James.

SENATE

A proposal was made in the Senate today that this country make a formal alliance with the nations of Western Europe, an alliance that would pledge the United States to fight, if they ^{nations of Western Europe} are attacked by Soviet Russia. This comes from Senator Cham Gurney of the Armed Forces Committee, who today told the Senate that the United States should send armament, war planes, and military supplies to back up the Western Powers in Europe. He suggested what would amount to a sort of ~~new~~ Cold War Lend Lease. All that -- with a formal alliance guaranteeing them against Soviet attack.

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All this was announced late today, with White House Secretary Ross declaring that the return of the Secretary of State is not because of any immediate flare-up in the crisis. He put it in these words: "The President just wishes an oral report on whatever has been going on." After the oral report, Secretary Marshall will return to Paris and the U.N.

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President can confabulate with Secretary Marshall this weekend. After all, the state of the world is such that our own election has to take second place.

This news of the President and the Secretary of State comes as Governor Dewey today conferred with John Foster Dulles - the Republican representative on the American delegation to the United Nations. In Albany the Republican candidate had a talk of three-and-a-half hours with Dulles - who, having flown across the ocean for this conference, will start on his way back to Paris tomorrow.

HURRICANE

From both sides of the world, the same kind of news. Here in the Near Atlantic and there in the far Pacific. Tropical tempest -- Hurricane and, Typhoon.

The ^{storm} ~~storm~~ blasting Southern Florida tonight is described as a small but vicious hurricane. It struck at Key West today -- and on to Miami. Tremendously violent winds revolving around a small core -- ^{the kind} ~~one it~~ gives ^{almost} no warning, striking suddenly, without preliminaries.

That was illustrated in Cuba last night, where the Hurricane ravaged the Province of Pinar Del Rio, rich tobacco growing country -- ^{where the best of} ^{come from.} ~~Havanna cigars~~ ^{seem} as if the storm would not hit Havana; but, its path changed suddenly, with erratic behavior -- and the small but vicious hurricane hit the Cuban capital unexpectedly in the middle of the night, ripping roofs from above sleeping people. Seven lives lost at last reports. Today Havana was still tied up, communications down, transportation halted in streets littered with wreckage.

So tonight Southern Florida is warned about the

same unpredictable behavior by the twister. Winds up to a hundred and fifty miles an hour whirling in a comparatively small circle -- changing course abruptly and arriving with the sudden full fury of the hurricane blast.

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Right now Miami is in the fury of the gale, with palm-lined boulevards lashed by a wind that roars at eighty miles an hour. The latest is that the hurricane lost some of its power in ~~pr~~ passing over Cuba and the Florida straits. So Miami isn't as badly off as might have been expected -- though even a mere seventy mile an hour wind is enough to make this evening a nightmare down in the playground land of Florida.

PRICES

A survey of the country shows meat prices on the decline in many places -- though the picture is spotted, varying from one place to another. In the Mid-West and the East, many localities report a drop of from five to seven cents a pound. A string of chain stores in Chicago says its prices are ten cents a pound lower on pork chops and round steak. A New York chain has made a reduction of from two to nine cents a pound.

In the Mid-Western livestock centers today, hog prices went sliding down again -- from seventy-five cents to a dollar and a half per hundred pounds. This followed by a still larger drop yesterday.

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~~There is a~~ ^{Here is a} fashion item ^{that} really comes close to the American male. How close is expressed in one word -- girdle. A New York Corset Company announces a campaign for nationwide selling and mass production of girdles [^] for men.

This business concern is called -- a corset salon. which means, one of those elegant perfumed ~~houses~~ ^{establishments} where ladies go to get fitted with armor plate straight-jackets to keep down those bulges. But it seems that the womenfolks are being crowded out of this corset salon, crowded out by men.

They sneak in, with as much secrecy as possible, and duck into one of those beautifully draped fitting rooms for trying on the girdles. All of which leads the Company to believe that there is a nationwide demand.

So, they're out to do a big-time selling and production job, with a choice line of merchandise. They say the most popular item will be a corset about six inches wide with stays across the front. Which is what most men need -- to make the waist line trim and athletic.

But, for the more successful, for Vice-Presidents, the real plutocrats, they have a full length girdle with a two-way stretch.

The colors are various, including baby blue and pink. A baby blue creation with stays in front or a two-way stretch in pink.

I somehow don't think much of that idea. How about you, Nelson?