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The Secretary General of the United Nations says he is - ~~the~~ "shocked and amazed". Trygve Lie has been intimating more or less that he would be in favor of having China represented by the Communists in the U N, and he was asked - are you a Communist?

This he denied vigorously and tonight makes the following statement: "I was shocked and amazed" says he, "by the unnecessary and malicious question which was asked me at my press conference this afternoon - as to whether or not I am or ever have been a Communist."

To which he adds ^{that} he is responsible to all governments and all peoples of the United Nations, and cannot take sides.

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

The Board of Regents of the University of California voted today to dismiss one hundred and fifty seven University employees, both faculty and non-faculty - for refusing to sign declarations that they are not Communists. This carried out a recommendation made by University President Robert Gordon Sproul -- and the meeting of Regents was considered so important that governor Earl Warren flew from New York to Los Angeles to preside. All of which brings to a decision a long dispute.

~~Note: drop baseball and one of the shorts.~~

TAX

The Republicans are in a quandary about the tax bill - which would cut excise levies and luxury taxes, to the tune of more than a billion dollars. But which would increase corporation taxes - to make up for that amount.

Earlier in the day, G.O.P. Congressman Joe Martin of Massachusetts denounced the bill, calling it - "phoney."

He said this was no time to increase taxes of any kind.

But later the Republican Policy Committee refused to take a stand - refused to declare against the bill. (~~Joe Martin is~~

~~calling a conference of all the Republicans in the House of~~

~~Representatives, to meet on Monday. But the indications are~~

~~that the conference will not take a decisive stand against the~~

~~Tax Bill.~~)

VETERANS

President Truman today vetoed a veterans' benefit bill, on the ground that it would amount to - a bonus. The bill provided that veterans who entered the employ of the Post Office after the war would be given seniority rights for the time they spent in military service. The previous practice was to grant such seniority benefits to Post Office employees, who entered the service. But this would have applied to those who took employment - after the war. The President declared that the bill amounted to what he called - ~~an indirect bonus~~ an "indirect bonus." Which would be, in ~~his~~ ^(his) ~~words~~ words, "a far reaching step in an undesirable direction."

SUB LEAD SCHUMANN PLAN

The Senate Foreign Relations committee was given a British explanation today - ^{an}~~an~~ explanation of the attitude of the labor government toward the Schumann plan for a pool of coal and steel in western Europe. It's a letter written by British Ambassador Sir Oliver Frank^(to)~~an~~ Marshall Plan Administrator Hoffman, and he passed it along to the committee.

There has been a lot of American criticism of the labor government refusal to attend the Schumann Plan conference. And, today, the Senate began a debate on ~~the~~ military aid for the anti-Communist nations of Western Europe -- a second installment of one billion, two hundred and twenty-two million dollars. Much of the defense money would go to Great Britain and that gives plenty of point to the British Ambassador's letter to the Marshall Plan Administrator.

In ~~the~~ his explanation, ^{Sir Oliver Frank}~~etc.~~

makes no mention of that argument put up by the British Labor Party. Which rejected the pool plan for economic unity ~~is~~ until all the governments in it were Socialist.

The British Ambassador dwells on the double position of his government, geographically in Western Europe, but also the head of the British Commonwealth. He posed the problem in the following words: "Britain, is the focus of the Commonwealth, the maintenance of which we believe to be vital, not only to its members but also to the free world. And it is only as ~~it is~~ the focus of the Commonwealth, " he goes on, "that the strength of Britain can make its full contribution to European recovery and unity."

In Paris, meanwhile the Schuman Plan conference is threatened - by the crisis facing the Government of Premier Bidault. After a defeat in the National Assembly



yesterday, the Premier called for a vote of confidence on Saturday. If he doesn't get it, his Cabinet will resign. Today, the Socialists informed Bidault that they will oppose him, unless he yields on the point at issue - which is a pay raise for government employees. The government must have the support of the Socialists, in order to gain a majority - and tonight Paris is buzzing with negotiations for a compromise.

The French Government is the sponsor of the Schuman Plan - proposed by the Foreign Minister of the present Cabinet. So it would certainly be a monkeywrench in the machinery, if the government of Prime Minister Bidault should resign with another of those crises so familiar in Paris.



ADD SCHUMAN PLAN

The latest from Paris - Premier Bidault rejects the Socialist demand. He sticks to an economy program - and this is likely to cause the Ministry to fall tomorrow.

BRITISH SABOTAGE

The British Navy has come forth finally with an outright charge of repeated sabotage attempts against warships of the fleet - Communist attempts. This follows isolated bits of information, from time to time, telling of odd mishaps aboard British naval vessels. The summary now is - Red schemes to damage or destroy five warships.

The latest was discovered only yesterday, and reported today - sand in the lubricating system of a submarine. (At Devonport, the sub Tallyho was laid up in midstream for weeks, and yesterday was taken out for a run. It wasn't long before things went wrong - trouble with the submarine machinery. An investigation disclosed - sand in the oil. Which certainly was a serious matter, and there are visions of the disaster of a sunken submarine, if the mechanism had gone out of gear during a dive.)

The sand in the oil was a clear case of sabotage, and comes as a climax to a series of incidents - all at that

same south English naval base of Devonport. Seven steel bolts were found in the gear box of the Australian aircraft carrier Sydney. A ~~rag~~^(rag) was discovered jammed in the steering mechanism of the submarine Trenchant. Later, there was an explosion aboard the Trenchant at sea. Aircraft carrier Illustrious - three magnesium flares found in the engine room, where they could have caused a serious fire. Submarine Urania - somebody tampered with ~~the~~ the electrical system.

Tonight, there's an investigation of all known Communists at Devonport. (The Reds have a strong following at that harbor, where the sabotage attempts have occurred.)

IMMIGRATION

The Immigration Service announces the arrest of eighty persons - in the smashing of an alien smuggling ring. Most of the prisoners are Italians, and one is said to be a member of the Sicilian outlaw gang, led by the notorious Giuliano, king of the bandits. Aliens were smuggled in by airplane, by rowboat, some through Canada.

This late news was preceded by another ^(smuggling)~~smuggling~~ story - this one operating in Cuba - and tonight we are given the name of the mastermind. It sounds as if there might be a detective story in this. — — — — — →

~~(Pick up the smuggling story from this point on.)~~

SMUGGLING

~~Tonight we are given the name of the leader of an alien smuggling ring, the mastermind of an international gang. Which has been sneaking hundreds of aliens from Cuba to Florida. Sounds as if there might be a detective story in this~~ how they got the goods on the arch smuggler. But - don't have any illusions.

His name is Simonovich, a Russian. In times gone by, Simonovich was employed ~~x~~ by the United States Immigration Service - but he turned around and went into the business of smuggling aliens in. More profit in it. Today in Washington, Immigration Inspector Donald Kelly told a Senate Committee that Simonovich, in Kelly's own words - "has been behind every smuggling effort apprehended by the Border Patrol in the Miami area."

But how did they get the evidence against the mastermind? Well, Sherlock Holmes was not needed. Inspector Kelly told the committee today that Simonovich, in Havana, operates quite openly - almost as openly as if he had a big office with a Neon sign, and full page advertisements in the Havana newspapers.

Kelly explains that Simonovich works closely with Cuban officials, who get a cut of the alien smuggling profits. When Simonovich gets ready to sneak his cargoes of contraband^d people over to Florida, the Cuban officials close their eyes - they're virtually blind.

So it needed no Sherlock Holmes to find out about Simonovich; but, it may take more than a Sherlock Holmes to find out - what to do about him.

NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans reports a great ball of fire in the sky tonight. Thousands of people saw the dazzling spectacle and there was a deluge of anxious inquiries. As it happened, the strange phenomenon was witnessed by the United States weather forecaster A. E. Aime, and he gives a vivid account. "It was" says the weather forecaster "more brilliant than any meteor I have ever seen. It burnt out in two or three seconds." He says the brilliant object left a long white trail, ~~Smoke~~ or vapor and adds that the trail gleamed white in the sky - brilliant from reflected sunlight, although it was after sundown in New Orleans. Which makes the weather forecaster believe that the burning object must have been very high -- high enough to catch the rays of the sun, the sun being below the horizon. "I never saw anything like it before," he says, "and I can't say what it was. It just looked like a great ball of fire."

BASEBALL

Joe McCarthy quits the Boston Red Sox - so he announced this afternoon. He left the team several days ago, saying he was worn out and ill. Now, he says he's quitting the game for good. "I've had enough baseball. I just don't want to go on any more," says Joe McCarthy.

This brings to a climax the strange case of the Boston Red Sox, hailed year after year as the best team in the American League - on paper. Yet, the team ~~has always~~ *always failed,* and nobody knew just why. The same this year, picked to win, and this morning they were in a bad fourth place, eight and a half games behind the Detroit Tigers. Joe McCarthy says: "I'm disgusted, after three years of beating my brains out."

In Boston, the management of the Red Sox was taken by surprise. When they caught their breath, they named "Steve O'Neill", the old-time catcher, as the new manager.

TENNESSEE

In the highlands of Tennessee, championships were awarded today, athletic titles in what are called - "Olympic Games of the Mountains." Not that they hold any decathlon or marathon race down there in the hill-billy country. It's a case of - moonshine. Athletic competitions! - as revenue officers chase moonshiners.!

Today, W.B. Shofner, chief agent for the Tennessee Alcohol Tax Unit, presented awards to revenue agents Oscar Crowell of Nashville and Mike Micken of Greenville - declaring that those two had never failed to catch a moonshiner in a foot race. With one exception. That was when Agent Crowell was pursuing a whiskey-still-operator up ^{hill and down dale} ~~the hill~~ and through the woods - and the revenue agent inhaled a twig from a tree. Sucking the twig down his windpipe, he had to stop and cough it out, and the moonshiner got away.

The only black mark on the record of that athlete - in the "Olympic Games of the Mountains."

HOUSE

At St. Louis, Federal Rent Director Grover Vandover received a present today - a house, occupied by tenants and all. The gift came from Mrs. Grace Hill, the landlady - who sent a deed ~~g~~ transferring the property to the Rent Director. In a letter, she said - let him see if he can break even, ~~with the~~ ~~house~~ under the current rent ceiling.

Later news - the Rent Director has sent back the deed. Not wanting, apparently, to have the house, under his own rent ceiling. But he promises the landlady that he will review ^(her) ~~the~~ case - she having taken such an eloquent way of presenting ^{it.} ~~her case~~

PRISONER

From Media, Pennsylvania - the news that Robert McMullen broke out of jail. Well, in a way, you can't blame him. Robert was serving his hundred-and-first jail sentence. He had been previously sent to the jug - one hundred times, on sentences of ninety days or less. Robert, apparently, is not exactly what you'd call a model citizen. The other day, the judge put him in the cooler for the hundred-and-first time - and that was too much. ~~And~~ So he escaped - and I should say that his impatience with it all was quite understandable.

WIFE

Over in England - here's what happened to Henry Wickham of Maidstone. In court today, it was testified that his wife assailed him with a bottle, a mop handle, a large enamel bowl, a table knife, a carving knife. a potato dicing machine, a teapot, a frying pan, and a big heavy ashtray. So that's what happened to Henry Wickham of Maidstone. Where the women must be formidable, as you can judge from the name of the place - Maid-stone.

UMPIRE

Well, it finally happened - what should have happened more than once, according to the old tradition of baseball.

At Muskogee, Oklahoma, a ball game was on, and Emory Jennings was the umpire. There was a close play at first base, and the

umpire signalled "out." Whereupon - he was hit by lightning.

Knocked flat, But he came to all right, ^{L - though so} ~~sq~~ badly dazed that

he couldn't remember the score.

I suppose the only way you can figure it is, that the runner was really "safe" and the umpire called the play wrong. So - he was hit by lightning, Nelson.

AMERASIA

The Department of Justice refuses to let Senate investigators have - a recording. Not a document this time - but a sound record of a conversation.

Yesterday State Department official John Service testified about his connection with Philip Jaffe, editor of Ameriasia, the Left Wing magazine in the affair of the stolen government documents. Service admitted that, having just returned from China, he gave Jaffe some background information - but nothing confidential.

It appears that at the time, unknown to either of the two, the F.B.I. was trailing the editor of Amerasia - often described as a supporter of Communist causes. Service told of visiting Jaffe at his hotel - and now it develops that the F.B.I. had installed a microphone in Jaffe's hotel room. So they made a recording of conversation between Service and Jaffe.

The claim has been made that the recording reveals the State Department official giving military information to

Jaffe - and warning him that it was highly secret. Service declares that he did not give the editor of Amerasia any secret military information - because he didn't know any.

Which puts the focus of interest on that recording, and Committee Chairman Senator Tydings asked the Department of Justice to hand it over. Service agrees, declaring that he wants to hear the F.B.I. recording, so that he can find out what he actually said - his memory being foggy after five years. But ~~now~~ today came a refusal, the Department of Justice unwilling to give the recording to the Committee.

SCHUMAN PLAN

In Washington, a letter was presented today - ~~and~~
~~this is~~ said to be without precedent. A message - from the
British Ambassador to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.
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Britain - ~~highlighting the significance of~~ the British Ambassador's
letter to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Most unusual
for an Ambassador to address himself to Congress.

In his explanation, Sir Oliver Franks ~~discusses the~~
~~ties between Great Britain and the other countries of the~~

SICILY

Famous in song and story - is the island of Sicily, Romantic since times gone by,- the island renowned for the brigands of old, the Mafia, the vendetta. At the present moment, Sicily can boast of Giuliano - the king of the bandits, whom the Italian police have been pursuing vainly for months.

Today's news tells how the police, in the mountains of western Sicily, staged a series of sudden raids - hunting for hidden weapons. ~~They were~~ Searching in caves and other hiding places, ^{they} ~~and~~ seized what the news dispatch calls - "enough weapons for a small army." The ^{arsenal} ~~seized armament~~ included: four cannon, four machineguns, five automatic rifles, a hundred and seventy-two ordinary rifles, forty-seven pistols, sixty time bombs, more than a thousand hand grenades, two hundred and forty-one artillery shells, and more than forty-one thousand rounds of ammunition.

~~Talk about disarmament proposals - the police are starting out in Sicily.~~