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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY: The nationwide steel strike is set for midnight tomorrow, and tonight forty thousand workers have been laid off. Tomorrow, the figure is expected to jump into the hundreds of thousands. The nation's major Steel companies started to shut down blast furnaces and open hearth ovens today. The steel contracts also affect coal mines, and today two mines in Pennsylvania were closed down.

Negotiation are continuing in New York.

Nathan Feinsinger, Chairman of the Wage Stabilization Board, has been in conference with industry and union leaders all day, in a last minute effort to head off the walkout. The President has the constitutional power to seize the steel mills - in an emergency. The word tonight is that it may come to this.

## STRIKES

The nationwide telephone strike introduces "hit and run" picket lines. This is an old device used by the C.I.O. Communications Workers of America in their Nineteen Fifty strike. Pickets sent to telephone exchanges for an hour or so of picketing - long enough to disrupt operations. Then, pulled out and moved to another exchange, to repeat this process.

Today's strike affects sixty-eight thousand members of the Union in Western Electric, the telephone companies, and the Bell Telephone Labs in New York. However, long distance operators, employed by A.T. & T. are not on strike. The areas worst hit are mostly on dial exchange, and most services have so far only been slowed down.

## McGRANERY

There will be full dress hearings in Congress on the nomination on Judge ~~James P. McGranery~~ James P. McGranery as Attorney General. So, ordered, this afternoon by the Judiciary Committee of the Senate. This is virtually certain to mean an investigation of the part that McGranery played in that Amerasia Case of 1945 - the affair of "stolen secrets."

At the same time, there is a demand that former Attorney General McGrath and Former House Cleaner Newbold Morris appear before a sub-committee of the House. To give their versions of the big blow-out that blasted both of them out of the ~~Government~~ Government.

## INVESTIGATION

Before a Congressional Committee today, one witness was - an ex-prizefighter. Frank Nathan was a preliminary battler in Pittsburgh rings - earning fifteen bucks a fight. He has been doing better in Washington. Testifying today - how he made fifty-seven thousand dollars with one telephone call.

The Committee is investigation a surplus property deal, in which a company made a half a million dollars. Former Prizefighter Nathan and a partner named Labowitz - receiving some twenty percent of the profit. So stated by a lawyer for the Company, who added - they just "blackjacked" themselves in. Maybe he should have said that Nathan - "left-hooked" or uppercutted his way in. More appropriate for a former prizefighter.

Nathan testified about his cut of fifty-seven thousand dollars, and insisted that all he did - was to put in one telephone call. We're not informed what words were spoken on the wire. Except the lawyer

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says - "blackjacked." Or, more appropriately - left hooked.

All in the strange business of the deals that are made in Washington.

SCHUSTER

It is confirmed - that a pistol found in Brooklyn was used in the murder of Arnold Schuster, the salesman who brought about the arrest of Willie the Actor Sutton. Ballistic experts of the New York Police Department made a study of the weapon, and today their announcement was affirmative - the markings showing that the gun fired bullets found in the body of Arnold Schuster.

It was ~~found~~<sup>picked</sup> near a hospital last Wednesday, more than three weeks after the crime. Apparently, it had been thrown away. Detectives checked the serial number, and found the weapon was one of twenty-two hundred shipped from the Smith ~~and~~<sup>F</sup> Wesson factory at New Haven, Connecticut, last February, ~~to~~<sup>^</sup> to a ~~company~~ pier, where Army supplies are sent to Europe. Of that huge consignment of pistols, fourteen were stolen at the pier, and the murder weapon was one.

All of which brought a ~~massive~~ round-up of longshoremen, ~~working at the pier~~ sixty of whom were questioned today by the police. The result of the

interrogation is not known - the police preserving plenty  
of secrecy about - the first break they've had in the Schuster  
case.

## WEATHER

The Red Cross issues a flood warning. Today the Weather Bureau also cautioned that disastrous floods are possible in several areas, that very heavy mountain snows threaten the worst series of floods in more than seventy years. However, this is only a warning, dependent on weather ~~xx~~ conditions in the next few weeks. Areas threatened include the Missouri River basin, New England, central California, and the Rio Grande River.

Army engineers say that they hoped to avoid "anything tragic", but are prepared for the worst. With troops standing by to man levies and fight the floods.



IRAN

Iran agreed today to resume <sup>oil</sup> negotiations <sup>— that is,</sup> with the World Bank, for the management of the nationalized Iranian oil industry. In an exchange of letters with the President of the Bank, Eugene Black, Premier ~~Mohamed~~ Mossadegh poses two conditions: ~~for such talks~~. That the technicians to manage the oil industry come from "neutral" countries, and that the World Bank act as an agent of the Iranian Government. However, there's no comment from the head of the Bank, as to whether he will accept such terms.

## KOREA - TRUCE

From the Korean truce talks tonight, the word is "compromise;" with both sides holding private meetings among their own delegations. All aimed at a blanket proposal, which might make for a speedy settlement and armistice. The report is that the Communists are modifying their demand for forced repatriation of all prisoners. And today the North Korean radio said that all prisoners-of-war would be welcomed back to their motherland. Meaning, it seems, that all prisoners who have been tattooed with anti-Communist slogans, will be pardoned, not mistreated. There are reports of high level meetings on both sides, but the secrecy blackout still keeps us from knowing just what's going on.

## MEDAL OF HONOR

The Army awards the Congressional Medal of Honor to Lieutenant Lloyd Burke of Stuttgart, Arkansas. The Brooklyn Dodgers need a pitcher - and they ought to try Burke. *This fabulous young warrior*

~~He~~ led a file of thirty-five G.I.'s along a shallow trench, until he was a few yards away from three Communist bunkers. *His men* ~~They~~ ran a sort of bucket brigade, passing grenades, hand to hand, along the line - up to the Lieutenant. Pass the ammunition! - ~~they were~~ And Burke tossed two cases of grenades, fifty or so, into the enemy bunkers.

Then he moved *right* ~~on~~ into the Red position, carrying an armful of grenades - which he hurled. Whereupon, having run out of that kind of ammunition, he took a light machine gun and three boxes of cartridges - and blazed away. Burke was wounded several times, but he didn't stop until he had knocked out more than a hundred Communists, single handed. He sure gets an E for industrious effort - not forgetting the Congressional Medal of Honor ~~of~~ for Heroism.

## CHURCHILL

In the House of Commons today, Prime Minister Churchill was evasive. Evasive in answering questions about another face to face meeting with Stalin. Questioned by Labor members, Churchill referred back to an answer he gave to the same question last November. At that time, he told the Commons that he considered the time not yet ripe for such a meeting. Today he would commit himself no further. He merely said that such talks "are not so much a question of enthusiasm as of earnestness." Which in a way was replying to Stalin's recent double-talk with more of the same.

## SHAPE

In Paris today, there was much activity at the headquarters of SHAPE - which word, of course, is the initials of Supreme Headquarters Atlantic Pact Europe. FORMIDABLE name - Shape. The high command is drafting strategies and tactics - in case of war. Theoretical maneuvers. A sort of "paper war."

This activity at Shape inspires the latest international joke. Some wag in Paris calling it, "Exercise Venus di Milo, no arms and plenty of shape."

## SUBMARINE

A strange mystery comes up from the bottom of the sea - off the coast of Denmark. Huge quantities of provisions, foodstuffs - rising to the surface, after having been under water for seven years.

This - in the salvage of a German submarine, sunk by the ~~British~~ Royal Air Force, as World War Two was ending. A private company - cutting up the sunken U-boat for scrap metal, ~~They~~ sent a diver down to dynamite the steel hull, and break it apart. When the dynamite exploded, huge quantities of edibles rose to the surface, foodstuffs of every sort. The diver descended again, made an examination, and found the submarine had carried no torpedoes - only provisions. Obviously, for a very long voyage.

So the supposition is - escaping Nazis, as Hitler's Germany collapsed. Top level officials - trying to get away in a U-boat. Bound, likely enough, for South America. The sub- spotted off the coast of Denmark, and sunk by British Air Force bombs.

As for human remains - only bones. And an examination is now being made, for possible identification.

Singular mystery - the sort of thing that might get into the legend of Hitler. Stubborn stories - that the Nazi Fuehrer got away. Dramatic supposition - that Hitler might have been in the U-boat, sunk off the coast of Denmark.

## HORSES

At the old English town of Nottingham today - a horse went to the movies. Or rather - two horses attended the cinema. We, Americans, pride ourselves for being - on the ball. But - I give you the sedate old English town of Nottingham.

On Saturday, Britain had - the Grand National, the classic steeplechase of the year. Won by a horse named - Teal. All - shown vividly in the newsreel pictures. And, at Nottingham, the manager of the Luxury Odeon Cinema, had an idea.

There's a local race horse owner, Frank Cōton, who has an entry in a steeplechase next Monday. A horse named - Black Diamond. So - wouldn't it be a good idea to have Black Diamond see the movie of the Grand National? Maybe he'd learn something.

To which Cōton replied philosophically: "It can't do any harm, and it might do some good."

So today at Nottingham, a van pulled up in front of the Luxury Odeon Cinema, and out came Black



Diamond, together with a stable-mate, Eastern Prince. They figured it would be a good idea if both horses attended the movie.

The two thoroughbreds were given the best places in the house. Not seats, of course! - whoever ~~ever~~ saw a horse to sit down in a theatre? They stood in the middle aisle, <sup>!</sup> And today's United Press dispatch states: "When the film started, both animals perked up their ears and opened their eyes wide, and watched intently. Eastern Prince was fascinated, and moved down the center aisle closer to the screen." He wanted a better look.

Well, I don't know what the horses learned. But I do know - that, in the quiet old town of Nottingham, they can run a motion picture publicity stunt, <sup>Nelson</sup> in a way to make Hollywood hang its head in shame.

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