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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

General Claire Chennault, of Flying Tiger Fame, back in San Francisco, gave an interview tonite. Claire Chennault says the communist sweep in China is all due to blundering American Far Eastern policy. That communist control of China will rush us into World War III faster than the crisis in Europe could ever do.

CHINA

Yes It looks as if Shanghai will go the way of Nanking, fall to the Communists without a fight, whenever they want to take it. American news correspondents today ^{had} ~~took~~ a look at the outlying ~~defenses~~ ^{fortifications} constructed to defend the approaches to the great harbor of the Far East. They found pill boxes deserted and covered with grass. Soldiers who didn't know whether they would be ordered to defend the city or not -- and didn't seem to care whether Shanghai fell to the Reds or not. ^R In the city, powerful Chinese business interests are insistently reported to be arranging a peaceful occupation of Shanghai by the Communists. ^R The likelihood of this was emphasized by the fact that the Red forces have suddenly stopped their march -- at a point 57 miles from Shanghai. Which would ^{make} it appear that they ~~are~~ are waiting for things to be fixed, so they ^{can} ~~would~~ simply walk in.

Tonight the United States Navy is withdrawing from Shanghai, which harbor is an American naval station -- according to treaty. The ships have been ordered

out, together with 700 marines, and American civilians are being urged to evacuate.

The whole picture is one to justify a ~~virtual~~^{sure} prophecy -- the speedy fall of Shanghai.

This kind of Chinese news, day after day, makes us wonder more and more about our own Far Eastern policy. We're scoring a success in Europe, with the Marshall Plan and the North Atlantic Security Pact. But in the Far East, China now falls within the Soviet orbit -- behind ~~the~~^a Far Eastern iron curtain. ~~We~~^{are} told that the view in Washington is -- we simply couldn't do anything much about it. Our foreign policy made mistakes in China -- but, essentially, - the Nationalist Government was hopeless. This view is based on the following argument: - Chiang Kai Shek and the National ^{ist} Kuomintang swept into power on the surge of a popular revolution, and then held out against Japan with heroic endurance. But, when war was won, the Chiang Kai Shek regime found itself so weakened and

LEAD

A ~~late bulletin~~ ^{new story} from China tells of Red soldiers invading the American Embassy at Hankow, and pushing into the bedroom of Ambassador Leighton Stuart. ~~He has remained~~ ^{The Ambassador stayed on} in the former Nationalist capital during the Red occupation, and during the night was roused by the intrusion of a dozen Communists in uniform.

This, ~~of~~ ^{of} course, was a violation of diplomatic privilege, and draws an American protest. But the twelve soldiers perpetrated no violence merely growling some Communist threats. They looked around at the treasures in the Ambassador's place and told him that all those valuables, ~~XXXXXX~~ ^{worth an} immense fortune, would soon be distributed among the common people.

The irony comes, when we take a closer look at those treasures. Ambassador Stuart is a one-time missionary, who has spent long years in China, and knows the Chinese language, as a Mandarin of old might know it. The ~~XXXXXX~~ treasure in the Embassy consists ~~of~~ ^{largely of} priceless ancient manuscripts,

which Ambassador Stuart has collected during long years of study. There are scrolls and writings and art works of the dynasties of the dim Chinese past, relics of the times going back to Confucius. They are of infinite value and interest to a scholar, but we wonder how much those classical treasures will mean to the Chinese common people, among whom they are to be divided - according to the Red soldiers.

BRITISH DIPLOMAT

The news today gives some clue to the personality of the British diplomat in Moscow who has gone over to the ~~Reds~~ ^{Soviets.} Archibald Johnson, Editor of the Russian language newspaper published by the British Embassy in Moscow -- (~~renouncing~~ ^{renouncing} ~~his~~ ^{his}) nationality, joining the Soviets and blasting the North Atlantic Pact ^{and} what he calls: "British and American war mongers".

He was an extreme Left Wing Socialist, ^{all} ^{along} openly friendly toward the Soviets. He disagreed ^{out} ^{loud} strongly with British Foreign policy, and was highly critical of London Foreign Secretary Bevin. But, he was a mild mannered fellow, bald, red-faced and stocky, who talked politics calmly, and never seemed likely to do anything extreme. ^{— a Caspar Milquetoast of H.M. For. Office.} So, his colleagues in the British ^{embassy} ~~office~~ were no end astonished today by his action in going over to the Soviet Communists. The Moscow news dispatch says -- ^{British embassy} stunned.

One Englishman goes over to the Reds while some tens of thousands of Soviet Russians have been fleeing to our side of the Iron curtain!

COMMUNISTS

In Washington -- testimony from the first President of the American Slav Congress, which group has been denounced as dominated by the Reds. -- Today the Committee on un-American activities heard evidence from Blair Gunther, Pittsburgh judge, who is of Slavic origin. He told how the American Slav Congress was founded in 1941, under his leadership -- and immediately Communists began efforts to take control. They succeeded so well that at a convention in 1942, the red flag of the Soviets was placed over the American flag. Whereupon the founder, Blair Gunther, quit the organization. Today he described it in these words: "It's aim is primarily military, since its chief purpose is to subvert millions of Slav Americans operating in our basic industries -- in order to cripple our national defense apparatus."

This followed weekend testimony, in which a former official of the Polish Embassy in Washington, told the Committee that Polish diplomats were assigned

to espionage work in the United States. He presented documents, and one of these named the President of the American Slav Congress.

The Red issue is raising ructions here in ~~Chicago~~ *the Middle West* -- with charges of Communist influence in local colleges. One, the University of Chicago -- the charge being denied by University Chancellor Robert Hutchins.

~~And today the Vice-President of Chicago assailed statements made about Professor Harold Urey, Nobel Prize winner and one of the top figures in the development of the atomic bomb. A witness told the Illinois Seditious Activities Committee that Professor Urey was unfit to deal with atomic secrets in view of what the witness called "his long and continued association with Communist front organizations." Professor Urey's reply is that he has always resigned from any group that he found to be Communist dominated. The University Vice-President calls the attack -- a "deliberate smear".~~

FOLLOW COMMUNISTS

Later -- a mystery witness who told the committee of a Communist party cell in the midst of the Pittsburgh industrial area. The witness, a Serbian worker is said to have given the names of members of this hed group -- testimony in the ~~same~~ course of a secret hearing.

HEALTH

The Truman Health Program was introduced in Congress today, both upper and lower house -- a six-billion-dollar bill for national health insurance. ~~The bill is a long one,~~ nearly 200 pages, outlining the complicated details of the scheme to provide medical care by means of ^a 3% payroll tax, split between employers and employees, with a lot of other complicated devices.

The congressional sponsors of the bill put their argument in these words: "If we want to make medical care available to all our people on a self-respecting basis, and at the same time keep the practice of medicine free of government domination, we must have national health insurance."

The medical profession speaks out. The doctors oppose on the grounds of -- socialized medicine. ~~And~~ Today Dr. Elmer Henderson, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the American Medical Association, declared the plan is what he called -- "One of the final,

irrevocable steps toward state socialism."

Dr. Henderson described the Truman Health Program in these words: "Government-herding of patients and doctors in assembly line medical mills." And he said-- "It would turn back the clock of medical progress in this country 50 years."

JACKET

In London theatrical circles a spooky mystery is closed today -- mystery in the form of a little black jacket, stage costume for an actress. Whoever wears it, feels choking hands around her neck. Three actresses tell the same story, each say that, after wearing the little black jacket, she found the red marks of strangling fingers on her throat. This article of dress, ~~for the stage is of the Victorian period, made of black cloth and lined with figured silk.~~ It was procured from a theatrical costumer, it was worn by the leading lady in a play that opened at the Embassy Theatre in London. Her name is Mrs. Hird, and today she stated: "I am a matter-of-fact person. So, when I felt as though hands were around my neck, half strangling me, I decided to say nothing." She says she tried fastening the jacket more loosely -- but every time she wore it in the play, she felt those choking hands.

of dark disaster that happened to some actress in the past, who, on the stage, wore that Victorian jacket.

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KENTUCKY

News from Harlan County, Kentucky, and it is up to ^Sstandard_A for the county of coal mines long known as -- "bloody Harlan". Somebody tried to blow up the Mayor with dynamite. Today, twenty stacks of high explosive were found under the bedroom window of Mayor Elihu Bailey, of the town of Evats. The fuse had burned to within one inch of the detonator cap, and then ~~had~~ gone out, for some ~~unknown~~ reason -- thereby saving the house of the Mayor from being blasted to Kingdom Come. At last reports, His Honor is said to have left town -- and ~~you~~ who can blame him?

The small coal mine community of Evats has had six police chiefs in eight months. One was shot and killed. Two others quit the job after shots were fired at them. Another police Chief was arrested for drunkenness and was in a jail cell when he handed in his resignation. Still another resigned, because he was accused of murder. The present police chief, Number Six - has been in office for only three

weeks -- and now the attempt to dynamite the Mayor.

Which, I suppose, ~~was~~ caused no great astonishment, not in Harlan County.

A big burglar and a little burglar went to the Executive apartment of Harry Beck, who is a married clerk. The news account, reported by the United Press, is such good dialogue, that I might as well give it as printed. It relates how the big gentleman and the little gentleman entered the Beck apartment, and continues as follows:

"Both had guns. They said they were sorry for the intrusion but..."
"The wife said you're in the jewelry business."
"Yes, I'm in the jewelry business, and I don't have any jewelry," Beck said.
"But we were told you got jewelry," the large gentleman said, politely.
"That's not my money," Beck protested.

HOLD-UP

New York reports the case of two polite robbers -- so courteous and considerate, it is hard to believe. A big burglar and a little burglar went to the Brooklyn apartment of Harry Zack, who is a brokerage clerk. The news account, reported by the United Press, is such good dialogue, that I might as well give it as printed. It relates how the big gentleman and the little gentleman entered the Zack apartment, and continues as follows:

"Both had guns. They said they were sorry for the intrusion but:

"'We were told you're in the jewelry business!'"

"'No, I'm not in the jewelry business, and I don't have any jewelry,' Zack said.

"'But we were told you got jewelry,' the large bandit said, politely.

"Zack said it wasn't so. Then, they took his wallet. It contained \$60.

"'That's rent money,' Zack protested.

"O.K., we don't fool with this small stuff," the small man said.

"The big man gave the wallet back.

"Then they waved their guns at Mrs. Zack, ~~and~~ The large man took her engagement and wedding rings and her wrist watch.

"That's all we've got," said Zack. "Why take it?"

"Give it back to the lady," said the little man.

"The big man gave it back.

"Sorry, but we made a mistake," the small gentleman said. "We were informed you were in the jewelry business."

"Both bowed their way to the door.

"Do you want us to apologize?" the large man asked.

"Oh, no, that's not necessary," Zack said.

"The big man left.

"Sorry to inconvenience you folks," said the little man leaving.

"Don't mention it," said Zack."

~~It~~ Sounds altogether too polite, but that's

the dialogue reported by the news wire in the story
of the big gentleman and the little gentleman.



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Jessica McCole and Joan Lewis who says that because
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as they're starting a rebellion. For one of them
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BLONDS

From the University of Southern California comes the news -- a revolt of blonds. Two coeds are organizing a rebellion of the girls with honey-colored hair, not to mention platinum and strawberry. Offhand, you might not see just what the blonds have in revolt about. They seem to get their share of diamond bracelets and mink coats, maybe more than their share. So ~~what's~~ the rebellion? ~~about?~~ The blonds, it appears, they are tired of being called -- dumb.

At least, that's the contention of coeds Jackie MaColl and Joan Lewis who say: "Just because we're light-haired, that doesn't mean we're light-headed." So they're starting a revolution. ~~The weapon they propose to use is that institution called the date~~
all blonds of *our Fair Land* ~~the country~~ are summoned to refuse to date any fellow who makes a crack about blonds being dumb. *R* Jackie and Joan are organizing a club, intended to have branches in colleges throughout the country.

The club is called -- "BRAIN". ^{They} ~~The significance of the term seems to be quite~~ clear enough, but BRAIN is also the initials for the slogan "Blonds Rent Against Insulting Nature Society" which may seem ~~a bit obscure, if not clumsy -- "Nature Society" being a bit puzzling. But don't blame the blonds. They~~ started out with a real humdinger, snappy and slangy. Their original slogan was, "Blonds Ain't Dumb". But then they realized the initials of that were ~~-- "BAD"~~ ^{"B-a-D."} bad. And whoever heard of a bad blond? ~~So they changed it. Now the name of the society is --~~ BRAIN.

~~The propaganda for the club, as Jackie and Joan have figured it out, states that more than half of ^{all} the women teachers are blonds, so are about 72% of the lady lawyers. Jackie and Joan, themselves, are further proof that blonds have giant intellects. -- ~~although you may not think so.~~ They are both majoring in Education and Philosophy, and are honor students.~~

~~So today they announce their insurrectionary~~

They're recruiting brunettes, too --
brunettes blacklisting any boy friend who talks about
"dumb blondes". The blondes will surely need plenty
of BRAIN to engineer that. - help from the
enemy brunettes.

I'd ask Nelson to comment
on that - but what does he
know about Blondes? Nice to
have you with us again Nelson,
old Boy!