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( In Paris tonight, a mob of a thousand angry Communists attempted to storm the Elysee Palace -- the Champs Elysee residence of the President of France. They were there to protest against Communist Deputies being left out of the new middle-of-the-road cabinet that Premier-Designate Henri Queuille (~~Queuille~~) is trying to form.)

But, the entrances to the Presidential Palace were barred by detachments of gendarmes. Whereupon, the Reds ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ attacked the police, hurling chairs they snatched up from nearby Champs Elysee Cafes.

The police chief sent out an emergency call for troops, the Guard Republican, the President's crack regiment. When they arrived with tommy guns, the mob faded away.

Late news from Paris describes the Elysee mansion under heavy guard, and all France awaiting news as to whether Henri Queuille can form a government.

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Today's word was that in the present political crisis the French socialists have agreed to support the New Premier-Designate, although they previously had not been willing because Henri Queuille is a close friend of General DeGaulle, with whom he served in the war. But now the Socialists have fallen into line, ready to support the new government, to save the franc - and save France. For this government, we are told, is President Auriol's last hope of staving off a general election and an all-out clash between the Communists and the followers of DeGaulle.

## AIR LIFT

~~The latest~~ <sup>Ward</sup> from Berlin ~~is~~ that the Russians seem to be pressing ahead with their plan to drive the Anglo-American air lift out of the skies.

Today squadrons of Russian fighters roared over the American sector of Berlin; all a part of "air manoeuvres", that the Russians say will saturate the Allied air corridor for seven days - and crowd our planes out.

However, a U S Air Force ~~man~~ spokesman at Weisbaden points out that there is plenty of room in the flight corridor for our transport planes, and for the Russian fighters. "Unless they start ramming purposely" said he, adding that any such antics would mean killing Russians.

In Washington Major General Lawrence Kuter, says that U S Air Transport strength can be mobilized quickly and put into use anywhere under any conditions. That not even winter will stop it.

BERLIN (substitute)

A fifteen year old boy ~~max~~ was killed in Berlin today as Russian soldiers fired at a crowd of anti-Communist demonstrators in the British sector. And seven other Germans wounded, with unconfirmed reports of deaths among the western German police force.

The boy, Wolfgang Schuman was killed as he and another German climbed a flagpole near the Reichstag and tore down the Russian flag; ~~as~~ the Russians from their side of the line <sup>blazing away at</sup> ~~responded~~ then with <sup>sub-</sup> machine guns ~~bullets~~.

The incident took place on Berlin's famous Unter Den Linden, near the Brandenburg Gate, where some three hundred thousand Berliners had assembled for an anti-Communist demonstration, <sup>They were there</sup> to urge the city <sup>to</sup> set up a government free of Communists and free of Soviet domination.

The trouble apparently started when a German crowd pelted <sup>a group of</sup> ~~some~~ Soviet soldiers with stones, ~~The~~ Russians ~~were~~ guarding the Soviet war

memorial, which paradoxically enough stands in the British sector of the city, on Unter Den Linden. The Russian <sup>guards</sup> threatened the crowd with their <sup>sub-</sup> machine guns, but ~~they~~ did not fire. The shots came from the Soviet sector when a Russian patrol saw the two Germans ~~mixk~~ climbing the flagpole to tear down their national emblem -- the Red flag ~~emblazened~~ with the hammer and sickle.

Tonight both sides are busy explaining ~~away~~ the incident. The Soviets say ~~that~~ their zone was invaded by Fascist agitators, that the shots were fired ~~in~~ by their police in self defense. In an official statement the British ~~xxxxx~~ points out that there was no ~~gun~~ fire in the British sector; that no one was shot there. Although persons with gunshot wounds were "passed back" into the British sector. ~~The inference being that all the shooting occurred in the Soviet zone. Also says this British report, a Soviet sector policeman believed to be connected with the shooting, who was maltreated by the crowd~~

## CRISIS

( A Washington spokesman today says that the disorders in the German capital have brought the crisis dangerously near the exploding point.

Washington , we are told, regards the Communist outbursts as evidence that the Kremlin is still determined to force the western powers out of Berlin. This in spite of the peace talks that are supposed to be still going on.)

Mr. Truman said today that the United States is in Berlin to stay, and will not be forced out by Russia.

A London spokesman points out that the Soviets can stop any riots in Berlin. They have sufficient military and police power. So, he says, the Soviets failure to keep the city quiet must cast, what he calls "great doubt" on the Soviet sincerity in seeking a four power settlement.

In London today, representatives of Britain, France, and the United States held a series of meetings, at which the suggestion was made that the

Russians be called to account for the Berlin rioting - a demand that they put a stop to it; that before going ahead with any more conversations.

## ROPER POLL

(Today's Roper Poll announcement is the subject of much comment, from coast to coast.) It isn't often ~~that~~ -- in fact, ~~it's~~ unheard of, for the head of a public-opinion survey to announce that an election trend is so overwhelming that the poll is ~~going~~ to be soft-pedalled. -- ~~no more~~ ~~announcements on how the next presidential election is going to turn out -- unless something entirely unexpected happens.~~

In making this unusual announcement ~~Elmo~~  
Roper sums it up as follows:

"I am not going to stop gathering facts about this Presidential election. But I am going to stop reporting ~~on~~ them unless something really interesting happens. My silence on this point <sup>he adds,</sup> "can be construed as an indication that Mr. Dewey is still so clearly ahead that we might just as well get ready to listen to his inaugural," ~~on January twentieth, Nineteen~~  
~~Forty-nine~~

The ~~on~~ Roper Poll predictions in other years were extremely close to the way the elections actually



*In predicting Roosevelt victories*  
turned out. He was within one-and-one-tenth percent  
in Nineteen-Thirty-Six, a-half-of-one percent in  
Nineteen-Forty, and within a-third-of-one-percent in  
Nineteen-Forty-four. All of which makes it extremely  
interesting to read what he has to say today, that  
Dewey has the edge over Truman to about the extent  
that ~~Mr~~ F.D.R. had the ~~an~~ edge over Alf Landon  
in Nineteen Thirty Six. So ~~Elmo Roper~~ says that he  
can think of nothing duller or more intellectually  
barren than acting ~~him~~ like a sports announcer who  
feels he must pretend he is witnessing a neck and  
neck race that will end in a photo finish, or a  
dramatic ~~mixxx~~ upset. And then finally have to  
announce that the horse that was eight lengths  
ahead in the turn is still eight lengths ahead.

He doesn't eliminate the possibility of a  
miracle, or a blunder, that might turn the tide.  
But, he says that any such thing is so unlikely  
that as of September Ninth his inclination is to  
predict the election of Dewey by a heavy margin  
and devote his efforts and time ~~xxxx~~ as a surveyor

of public opinion to other things.

It's a long and ~~not~~ unusual article, appearing in ~~the~~ newspapers throughout the country today, one that you <sup>may</sup> ~~will~~ be interested in reading.

holding ~~various~~ ~~service~~ ~~positions~~ ~~held~~ the Roosevelt-Truman ticket, but today the union general President, William McFarbridge, pledged his union to do all that is lawful and proper to aid in the election of the Republican presidential candidate. "In the critical years that lie ahead, with the peace of the world at stake" said McFarbridge, "this nation must have strong and wise leadership".

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## POLITICS

From Albany we hear that an A F of L labor union, a-hundred-and-seventy-five thousand strong, will support Governor ~~Thomas A.~~ Dewey in the ~~forth-~~  
~~coming~~ election. In Nineteen Forty-four the A F of L building employees service international backed the Roosevelt-Truman ticket, but today the union ~~general~~  
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appearances will be <sup>from</sup> ~~at~~ the rear platform of his special train, ~~speaking at those whistle stops along the route, as he covers the continent. No limit on the number of speeches he'll make in a day except time.~~

ADD WALLACE

As for Henry Wallace, the giant rally to be held for him in New York's Yankee stadium, rained out.

Earlier today, Wallace made a tour of the Bronx in a convertible with half a dozen police cars proceeding him and the same number behind. At the Yankee stadium more than three hundred police were assigned to duty. As an extra precaution against missiles the platform was located on second base, out of range of any missiles.

The twenty thousand who had assembled in the big ball park were disappointed when Congressman Marcantonio told them the rally would have to be postponed for twenty-four hours.

## TALMADGE

( A Talmadge is head man in Georgia again today - Herman Talmadge, son of the late Governor Gene Talmadge, ~~being~~ elected Governor in the democratic primary. His rival, acting Governor M. E. Thompson, has conceded young Talmadge's victory, ) and offered him an immediate place in the State government, as head of the Revenue Department. But, Herman Talmadge says he'll be too busy, making plans to restore Georgia to the old Talmadge form of government. So he'll have no time to serve with the outgoing administration.

Young Talmadge promises the electors that Georgia will be the same under him as it was under his father. He calls his victory a demonstration of Georgia's opposition to the democratic party's civil rights program <sup>and to</sup> ~~communism, and red ideologies.~~

## PLANES

London's Scotland Yard is investigating the disappearance of four British fighter planes, <sup>which</sup> ~~which~~ are thought to have been flown to Palestine, from an English air field. Last July a ~~man~~ personable young man <sup>bought</sup> ~~bought~~ six twin engine Beau fighters from the government for sixty thousand dollars cash; saying he wanted them to produce a war time movie. Thereupon, at a quiet air field near Oxford, he began production of the movie - a mystery story. Forty extras on the payroll. A number of them ~~very~~ pretty girls. Shooting went on for four days in true Hollywood style, with parties for visiting journalists; and ~~the~~ shots of the glamour girls.

But this movie, say<sup>s</sup> Scotland Yard, had a very special plot. One morning, four of the planes took off, and never came back. The glamour girls and the extras left on the air field. <sup>So</sup> The movie ~~very~~ <sup>turns out</sup> ~~to be a real life~~ ~~incomplete.~~ <sup>is</sup> a mystery, to which Scotland Yard has the solution. The planes, they say, were flown to Palestine for the Israeli Air Force.

## GUNMEN

In New Orleans, ~~there is~~ a sequel to that ~~startling~~ crime case in which a detective was murdered and the ~~city's~~ assistant chief of detectives was kidnapped. Dave Simpson, the gunman who killed detective Nick Jacobs, tonight made a dramatic gesture from his prison cell. Offering to sell his eyes for two thousand dollars each to educate the two sons of the dead law officer. ~~the victim of his quick trigger.~~ ~~Further,~~ Simpson, and Edward Miller his accomplice, both ~~are~~ war veterans, say they intend to sign <sup>over</sup> their ~~national~~ service life insurance policies to the policeman's widow.

~~Both expect to be executed.~~  
~~The two criminals are apparently sure they will be executed for murder. Hence their gesture to make good amends. One to sell his eyes to educate the policeman's sons, both willing to contribute the life insurance policies they carried when they served Uncle Sam as G I all for the widow of the man they murdered.~~



## SEALS

Washington tonight announces the solution of a mystery that has been worrying the Interior Department for years. The mystery -- why have a number of Alaskan seals <sup>on the Pribilof Islands,</sup> been caught, wearing strange rubber collars around their necks, ~~collars that look like the rolled top of a woman's stocking.~~ The first seal <sup>decked out this way</sup> ~~wearing this strange garb around its neck~~ was caught five years ago. ~~Great~~ <sup>TP</sup> ~~many~~ minds were put to work on the problem. Zoologists, biologists, and seal experts, ~~pondered, and~~

Finally someone had a bright idea. Why, of course, the Japanese, or the Russians had put the collars on the seal to track their migratory habits.

Sound<sup>ed</sup> ~~quite~~ feasible. But tonight an Interior Department spokesman gives us the real ~~re~~ reason for the rubber collars. When the seals were ~~such~~ <sup>hungry</sup> pups they discovered some rubber food bags <sup>from planes for</sup> ~~dropped by the~~ Japanese ~~for their~~ troops, ~~on~~ the Aleutian ~~islands~~. To get at the food, the baby seals plunged their heads through the necks of the

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bags. And could not get them out again. So they  
grew up with a new look - those rubber chokers  
around their neck.

## BABY SMOKER

Reporters in Springfield, Massachusetts, were called in today for an interview with twenty-two months old Lawrence Phillips Junior. Now at twenty-two months a fellow can't say much. But young Larry did some demonstrating. He leaned back and puffed contentedly on a long black stogie. While his mother did the talking, Mrs. Phillips said that about a year ago, her son took up the weed. And then at twenty-two months he turned to cigars. She adds that he's a perfect gentleman, always uses an ash tray.

Wonders never cease — do they Jay Simms ?

## BERLIN

More shooting in Berlin. Russian soldiers firing into a crowd of anti-Communist demonstrators in the British zone, five wounded. It happened on the famous Unter Den Linden--or what's left of it-- near the Brandenburg Gate. Some three hundred thousand Berliners had assembled for an anti-Communist demonstration, to urge authorities to set up a government free of Communists and Soviet domination.

The demonstrators were marching towards the Allied control authority building, in the American section, when a Soviet jeep drove out of the Russian sector at a furious pace. Heading towards the Russian War Memorial, which paradoxically enough stands on Unter Den Linden, several hundred yards inside the British part of the city. The jeep stopped, and seven Russian soldiers stepped out, apparently to guard their memorial.

When they saw these Red soldiers, armed with Tommy guns the Berliners began to boo, and pelted them with stones and rubble from the bombed out ruins. At that

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British military police came to the rescue of the Russians. They escorted the Soviet sergeant and his men to the base of Russian war memorial, and pushed back the surging crowd.

For a few minutes a serious incident had been averted. Until Soviet soldiers opened fire with machine guns, from across the road, in the Soviet sector. Then wild disorder. As the bullets whizzed among the crowd, one German climbed a flagpole and snatched down the Russian flag, marking the boundary. Soviet machine gunners turned their weapons on him, but he escaped-with the flag for his trophy.

Meanwhile, the seven Russians the British had placed on the war memorial, shouldered their guns, ready to fire into the crowd. A British security officer, however, prevailed on them to hold their fire. So the Russian soldiers lowered their tommy guns and engaged in an angry argument with the crowd. Shouting that the Russian war memorial was Soviet territory, and that the demonstration was an insult.

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In the meantime, British troops had surrounded the war memorial with a strong cordon. The crowd was herded across the street into the bleak area that once was the famous Berling Tiergarten, and Siegesallee-- now a mass of rubble and uprooted trees -- a scene of desolation. There, a German socialist leader began a speech to divert attention from the Russians.

The British troops then escorted the Soviet soldiers and their jeep back through the Brandenburg Tor, into the Soviet part of the city. The Russians saying they wanted to get out fast. None of the Red's were injured, but their jeep was damaged by bricks and stones. All of which caused the Soviet officer to complain that the British should have given them better protection.

And what of the crowd? The anti-communist marchers ~~xxxxxx~~ moved peacefully on to the Allied control building in the American sector. There they were met by American Military police and allowed to enter the building and present their petition to the U S officer <sup>on duty</sup> <sub>^</sub>

## WALLACE

If Henry Wallace were ~~to be~~ elected President, the Communist party would celebrate the election as a major victory; ~~and~~ hail it as the "first stride towards the sovietization of America." So says Louis ~~to~~ Budenz, ~~the~~ former Communist editor of the Daily Worker, in an article in the current issue of Colliers. ~~magazine~~. Budenz says that Wallace himself is not a communist, but that "he is a prisoner of the Communists," Whether he, ~~Henry Wallace~~, realizes it, or not.

~~According to Budenz, Moscow placed its stamp of approval upon Wallace more than four years ago, when he returned from a visit to Siberia. Since then, the American Communists have never doubted that Henry Wallace would support any policy put forward by the Soviet Union. Also, they are sure that he would denounce any attempt by the United States to counter Russian aggression,~~

In his article, entitled, "how the Reds snatched Henry Wallace." Budenz relates how when

Wallace was in Siberia, the Kremlin sent urgent directives to the Communist party in America that Wallace's political ambitions were to be supported.

~~The Kremlin instructions transmitted by hand Hans Berger, also known as Gerald Fiala.~~ Further,

says Budenz, all the public sentiment for Wallace as Vice Presidential candidate immediately prior to the Nineteen Forty-Four Democratic Convention, was fomented and organized by American Communists, under direct orders from Moscow.

~~Budenz draws a rather startling conclusion, offering as a pattern the overthrow of democracy, in Czechoslovakia and the enslavement of other eastern European people by the Reds. If Wallace is elected President, he says, the Communists would immediately demand representation in the Wallace Cabinet because of what they have done for him. Payment for their support.~~ Russians agents writes

~~Budenz~~ would arrive in swarms. Reliable fellow traveller <sup>would</sup> ~~must~~ be slipped into key cabinet posts.

The F B I and Secret Service heads <sup>would be</sup> replaced.



Budenz, the ex-communist editor - pictures  
Wallace as a visionary; <sup>an</sup> unsuspecting victim of the  
Communists, an American who has been completely  
taken over by the Reds.