

LABOR BILL (to get release) *L.S. Sunco + D. H. Friday,*  
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(The Senate has just passed the labor

bill. The vote was a heavy majority, both Republicans  
~~and~~ and Democrats enacting that much disputed piece  
of legislation to curb strikes.) The vote, <sup>54 to 17</sup> ~~indicates~~,  
<sup>indicates</sup> ~~it is believed~~ that there is a good chance of passing  
the bill over a presidential veto -- if one should  
come. The bill now goes to the White House where  
the President faces the alternative to veto or not  
to veto.

## STRIKE

Labor violence in Detroit tonight.

Rioting among strikers in the Seventeen-day old walkout at the Ford Company plant at River Rouge. One foreman, a non-striker, was badly beaten up. According to the Ford Company, Anthony Vella, a forty-six year old superintendent, was dragged out of the shop by a mob of some four hundred men, who handed him over to pickets belonging to the foreman's Association of America. The story from Detroit is that they beat him up <sup>and</sup> threw him down a stairway leading from an overpass, in the huge plant,

Tonight's outbreak is the third so far in the strike called May twenty-first by the foreman's union.

~~The report is that the United Auto workers also have moved in.~~ <sup>TP</sup> Supposedly, only foremen are striking, but more than four hundred men were involved today. As a Ford spokesman put it: "The auto workers must have been there also. For we don't have that many foremen".

TAFT

Senator Taft makes a retort to the President, replying to the Presidential charge yesterday that the Ohio Legislator was an economic defeatist, who ~~had~~ favored a business policy of boom and bust. To which Senator Taft retorts by putting the blame for high prices on President Truman and his policies like those relating to wages. He denies that he ever ~~at~~ said the way to bring prices down was to reduce the demand for goods, which the President charged yesterday. He says it's just a case of White House grumbling at business men.

## D-DAY

Of the D-Day celebrations today, the biggest and loudest was at Kansas City - where President Truman and General Eisenhower attended a reunion of the Thirty-Fifth Division. That was the outfit, called "Pershing's Darlings," in which Harry Truman served as a young lieutenant in World War ~~Number~~ One. In World War Two the "Thirty-Fifth" made the break-through at Saint Lo, a decisive exploit of the D-Day invasion of Normandy.

Everywhere today were calls of "Hi Harry." One dignified veteran was ~~heard~~ heard to say: "Hello, Mr. President." which sounded out of place.

The President attended the reunion; ~~he~~ also visited <sup>ed</sup> his ailing mother.

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## ROOSEVELT FORTUNE

The late President Roosevelt left a fortune of more than two-million-one-hundred-thousand dollars. This was disclosed by papers filed in the Surrogates Court of Dutchess County today. The original inherited wealth of F.D.R. came to about a million, on top of which his mother, Mrs. Sara Delano Roosevelt, left him an estate of nine-hundred-and-ninety-four thousand. In addition to all this inheritance, the estate of the late President was ~~ng~~ augmented by gains of more than a hundred-and-sixty-seven-thousand dollars. Presumably these gains came from stocks and bonds.

Taxes, Federal and State, paid by the F.D.R. estate, come to about four-hundred-thousand dollars. Which figures give official form to the well know fact that the late President Roosevelt was a millionaire by inheritance.

## HUNGARY

An American diplomatic note is the follow-up to President Truman's blistering words about Hungary -- calling the Red seizure of power an outrage. The phraseology we are told, is strong - though the words are of a more formal diplomatic sort than the indignant expressions used by the President.

We are demanding an investigation of the overthrow of the majority government chosen by the Hungarian people, and we ~~are~~<sup>are</sup> telling Moscow that it's a violation of ~~the~~<sup>the</sup> agreement made at the Yalta Conference. Once again we hark back to Yalta, where Stalin was given the substance, and we got the promises. The Soviets were granted the control of nations; and in return ~~they~~<sup>they</sup> gave their word that democratic elections would be held and free governments installed; - ~~the~~<sup>a</sup> pledge ~~that~~<sup>that</sup> has been repeatedly broken.

If our protest doesn't bring a satisfactory response, as its not likely to do, we tell the Soviets that we will take the Hungarian case to the United Nations

demand a U.N. inquiry into the Red overthrow of Democratic government. Just how much effect that will have is doubtful. The Soviets having their veto in the U.N.


~~Meanwhile, we hear that another member of the Hungarian Democratic majority has been able to get away from the Reds. Bela Varga is a former Minister of the Budapest Government and leader of the Small Holder Party — that is, the Hungarian Farmer Party which won a clean cut majority in a free election. Varga was on the Communist list of those to be purged, and there were reports that he had been killed; — but now we hear that he got safely out of Hungary and has reached the Occupation Zones of the Western Allies.~~

Both the American and British Occupation authorities are offering asylum and protection to Hungarian liberals fleeing from the new Red Regime. Those who have escaped, like Premier Nagy, and now Varga, are being guarded against Red attempts to get them.

In Budapest today, the small holders party

was purged, twenty representatives elected by the farmers tossed out by the Reds on charges of what <sup>is</sup> called "an anti-democratic attitude." The purpose is to expell enough of them from the Budapest Parliament to abolish the majority of the small holders party.

Similar news of Communists grabbing power comes from Bulgaria where the leader of the Farmers Party in that country was arrested today. This was by order of *Bulgarian Premier Dimitrov, one-time head of* the Comintern. A general all around purge appears to be under way, smashing the opposition to the Reds. In Bulgaria, as in Hungary, the Communist minority, backed by the Soviet Army, is digging in. Obviously, its all part of one piece. According to the Balkan Peace Treaties, which our Senate ratified yesterday, the Soviet Army is required to withdraw - and before it does, the Reds are making haste to solidify <sup>their</sup> dictatorship so they can run things after Soviet Troops have gone.





ADD HUNGARY

Here's the latest: A bulletin from London that all telephone connections with Sophia, the Bulgarian capital, were cut off a few hours ago -- less than twenty four hours after the Communist-dominated Bulgarian government arrested Petkov, its boldest political opponent.

Bulgaria tonight is isolated from the western world.

## LETTER BOMBS

( In London today, the mails brought nine more of those letter bombs, all of which were picked up by Scotland Yard Detectives before they could be delivered to high personalities of the British Government.) It is reported that one of the <sup>so</sup> letter-bombs was addressed to wartime Prime Minister Winston Churchill; but, Scotland Yard denies that. Churchill, by the way, is about to undergo an operation, described as not serious.

( Scotland Yard refuses to say anything about the claim made by the Jewish Stern Gang, which announces that the letter-bombs were mailed by <sup>them.</sup> ~~that Terrorist Group.~~ )  
All that is officially disclosed about the origin of the bombs is that they were mailed in the city of Turin, Italy - to which place a force of Scotland Yard detectives has been sent.

( The word still is that none of the sinister envelopes have exploded; ) but it is disclosed that one was opened by the person to whom it was addressed. Sir Harold McMichael, former High Commissioner in Palestine, stated today that he received a letter bomb - and, without

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thinking, opened the outer envelope, and also an inner envelope containing the explosive, gelignite. He says that something like a piece of candy, like toffee, fell out - but there was no explosion. The letter-bomb didn't work.

## FLOOD

Flood waters, fed by late spring rains, threaten all central and southeastern Iowa tonight. The Des Moines River, tributary of the Mississippi, is on <sup>the</sup> a rampage, with some twelve Iowa towns already inundated.

The entire population of ~~Eddy~~ Eddyville, Iowa, one thousand in all, fled for their lives today as swirling waters smashed a levee and threatened their homes.

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~~Ex~~ Floods are reported also in northern Missouri, in the Grand River valley. The power plant at Princeton, Missouri, swamped; and the town in darkness tonight. Large scale evacuations are being conducted, especially throughout central and southeastern Iowa. The Red Cross at St. Louis is rushing aid to the stricken areas. <sup>TP</sup> One fair sized city, Ottumwa, Iowa, is threatened. Many Ottumwa families are being moved to a naval training station on high ground near by.

Last reports have the Des Moines River still rising, with crests expected to equal those of the disastrous flood of Nineteen Three, surging through southern Iowa tonight, paralyzing the whole lower valley of the Des Moines.

## RECORD

Another speed record ~~was~~ broken today - New York to Houston. <sup>Another air</sup> ~~It was a~~ party given by Captain Eddie Rickenbacker, who piled more than forty newspaper, radio and magazine correspondents in a new type sixty - ~~passenger~~ <sup>passenger</sup> Constellation. The flight from New York to Houston, fourteen-hundred-and-thirty-three-miles, took four-hours-and-thirty-nine minutes. <sup>The regular</sup> ~~The~~ time on this ~~regularly-scheduled~~ airline run is eight-hours-and-a-half. The record breaker today <sup>cut it</sup> almost ~~cut it~~ in half.

Just to complete the job they made it a round trip, flying back to New York.

## TREASURE

Here's an old favorite. How could we get along without it? Captain Kidd's treasure. We have it again today - in a dispatch telling of two new efforts to locate the fabulous hoard of gold said to have been concealed by the most famous of pirates. The place - Oak Island, Nova Scotia. That small bit of sandbar is woven with legends of Captain Kidd; <sup>he is said</sup> ~~and he is~~ to have made it his hiding place for treasure.

Today a Nova Scotia dispatch tells how James Faulkenham, a lumberman of Andover, Maine, is putting his trust in a bulldozer - he's going to bulldoze the sands of the mile-long island in quest of Captain Kidd's loot. Another search will be conducted by Edward Reichart of New York, who has been up to Oak Island with a technical crew - making surveys for a most -up-to-date methodical search.

~~However, I must point out that~~ the evidence on which they <sup>are</sup> ~~are~~ working sounds <sup>well</sup> ~~mighty high and handsome~~ altogether too wonderful. The supposition that there's

golden wealth buried in the sands of Oak Island is based on the following story!—

In Seventeen-Ninety-Five, nearly a century after Captain Kidd was hanged, three young men browsing around on Oak Island noticed a tree that had a branch with marks indicating that a block and tackle had been fastened to it. Below the branch was a depression in the grass. From this they assumed that something heavy had been lowered by block and tackle into a hole in the ground.

So they started digging. Ten feet down they came upon a layer of oak planks. They ripped these out, and ten feet further down there was a second layer of oak planks, and at thirty feet - a third layer. Every ten feet a layer was found - one was of charcoal another of putty.

At ninety-five feet they came upon a flat stone with an inscription that said: "Ten feet below two million pounds lies buried." That made them dig harder



than ever, and they struck a solid layer of wood. But now everything went haywire, because the hole filled up with water at such a rate they couldn't pump it dry. So they had to give it up.

Fifty years later, another expedition tried it with more modern equipment. They struck what seemed to be a great casket containing treasure, but the whole bottom of the shaft was undermined and collapsed and filled with water. In Eighteen-Ninety-Six there was another try, and still another in Nineteen Twelve. - Again all attempts were defeated by the flooding of water.

Now there are to be two expeditions - both in pursuit of that legend of two million pounds of Captain Kidd's treasure buried on Oak Island

## NIGHT CLUB

Your Uncle Sam is a dignified old gentleman with whiskers and an air of respectability - so you'd hardly expect him to be the Operator of a Night Club. But he is - in Chicago. It must hurt his dignity to find himself running a hot spot with a big shiny bar and a girl show. And, his losing money on it, ~~which~~ *that probably hurts* ~~hurts more~~ *still more.*

In Chicago there's a night club that got into Federal bankruptcy. When Government Officials looked it over, they found that the operator of the hot spot was an ex-convict - and that, said they was all wrong. Whoever heard of a haunt of Cafe Society being run by anybody of questionable character. Like an ex-convict? Maybe you did, but Uncle Sam didn't. <sup>R</sup> So the place was taken over by Federal Reorganizers, and the government has been running the place for three days. The first night Uncle Sam ~~net~~ lost seven-hundred dollars, the second night two-hundred dollars, the third night five-hundred. Total in the red, fourteen hundred dollars.

The first thing the Federal Officials did, was to toss out the crap game. The hot spot had a big one, its principal asset - the customers flocking to bet on the galloping dominoes. The dice business was running at a good profit, and it was a mistake to throw it out, but you couldn't imagine Uncle Sam running a crap game. The next inspiration was to dismiss the expensive floor show, and put in a cheaper one - but the galaxy of girls hired at a lower price didn't attract so many customers.

So, in three days Uncle Sam has taken a loss of fourteen-hundred dollars, and <sup>Uncle is</sup> ~~is~~ tearing his whiskers.

<sup>TP</sup> Or, would you say it sounds exactly like <sup>a</sup> government operation?

And what do you say, Nelson ?

## FREEDOM

An interesting point of history is made in a book just out - *The Epic of Freedom*, by John T. Flynn.

Writing about the Magna Carta, the author notes that the great document had nothing to do with liberties of the people, but was a guarantee of the rights of the Barons. ~~xxx~~ Tyrant King John was compelled to yield to great feudal nobles who, themselves, were despots in their own bailiwick. Therefore argue some historians, there has been too much praise heaped upon the Magna Carta as a milestone of liberty.

To this John T. Flynn replies by pointing to the basic principle set down in the Magna Carta, the principle that the power of the King was not supreme. "It embraces the theory," he writes, "that there is a power in society greater than the King, which can bring him <sup>— the King —</sup> to book if necessary." That power in the Middle Ages was the great feudal upper class, the Barons - later it became the people.

To this we can add the further point that the Magna Carta was typical of the Medieval Period, with

its emphasis on rights and liberties - the rights and liberties of the Nobles. Then later that concept of **xi** rights and liberties, spread to the nation at large, the people.

We may note something similar in the ancient Roman idea of the rights of the citizen, so rigorously incorporated in Roman Law. Citizenship, at first, applied to only a few, and civil rights were enjoyed by only these few. Then, later, citizenship was extended to all the free population of the Roman Empire, and civil rights became the property of all of these.

It's a good thing to note, nowadays, the origins of our Western Freedom. The concept of citizenship as developed in classical antiquity, and the demand for rights and liberties that rang out so strenuously in the Middle Ages.