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DISCOVERY

At the town of Butzbach, on the Rhine, the U.S. Twenty-Second Infantry Regiment was digging up the ground for a military housing development. When they came upon another military housing development. This one - Nineteen centuries old.

The U.S. Twenty-Second Regiment, by chance, had picked the site once occupied by a Roman legion, in the year eighty-eight A.D. the coincidence is even more extraordinary. It was - the twenty-second legion; the bulldozers were turning up implements, pottery, coins, the ruins of buildings. A hurry-up call was issued: Bring on the archeologists! German scholars responded, and they report - one of the most complete examples of a Roman town.

The Twenty-Second Legion, during the reign of the Roman emperor Domitian, lived in style. The soldiers had money, judging from the number of coins unearthed. They had

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fine luxuries, and drank wine imported from Italy. There is, moreover, plenty of evidence of feminine companionship. A litter of jewelry, hairpins, nail files, perfume bottles, lip stick; also numerous examples of a device shaped like a spoon with which Roman ladies painted their lips.

The houses had wooden walls, covered with plaster, and floors of cement. Even today, after nearly two thousand years, the floors show no sign of cracking.

In fact the archeologists declare that the housing development of the Roman twenty-second legion was a good deal superior to the one planned for the U.S. twenty-second regiment.

## CONFERENCE

In Berlin, the West laid its cards on the table today and it isn't hard to guess what they were.

British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden urged Soviet Russia to join in unifying Germany. The method - hold free elections to choose an all-German government, which could sign the peace treaty.

Molotov countered immediately--with a demand that representatives of East Germany and West Germany be admitted to the conference of the foreign ministers--to argue their cases. This was opposed by the West.

Molotov will make his formal reply tomorrow, and he's expected to rip into this Western proposal--for a unification of Germany through free elections. And he's likely to repeat his demand for a conference with Red China--and his call for a disarmament conference.

The West wants to put off the disarmament conference argument until next week--and, eventually, get it before the United Nations. They are sticking to the main point - German Unification.

## PRISONERS

In Korea, the army will file court martial charges against former American prisoners-of-war- who "sold out" their comrades, in return for Communist favors. "Sold their country for a cigarett." or "squealed" on their fellow prisoners, and exposed plans to escape.

We hear that all this was held up until the army was sure that the twenty-one Americans who remained with Communism would not change their minds.

## PUSAN

In Korea, the Port of Pusan had another disastrous fire today - following that record-breaking disaster last November. Most of the city was in ruins, and the flames today swept through the shacks of refugees - fifteen hundred of which were destroyed. Eighty-five hundred refugees - left homeless all over again.. It's all the worse, because of freezing weather.

## SYRIA

Syria reports the smashing of a plot to overthrow the government. Uprisings in various places - against the regime of the President - General Shishakly. Martial law declared - with further word that the disturbances have been quelled in cities like Damascus and Aleppo.

But there's uncertainty in the southern province of Druze - a land of mountain tribes of Jebel Druze; home of Sultan El Atrash, who headed a revolt against the French nearly thirty years ago. Now he's one of the leaders against the Syrian government.

Earlier in the week, the government ordered the arrest of the Sultan El Atrash, together with a number of his Druze colleagues. Which was followed by the uprising today. Savage fighting in the country of the Druze - especially in the village of Sultan El Atrash.

## COMMUNISM

In Washington, the charge is made that the Roosevelt Administration, in 1944, ordered the destruction of intelligence files on Communism.

Republican Senator Jenner of Indiana, Chairman of a Senate Internal Security Sub-Committee, says -- Admiral King informed Admiral Nimitz that the "White House had ordered Naval intelligence information on Communism to be disposed of.

Admirals King and Nimitz say they do not remember the incident. Senator Bridges of New Hampshire, says that, in 1944, a Senate Sub-Committee forced the Roosevelt Administration to cancel orders to destroy Army files on subversion.

Former Democratic Senator Omahoney confirms the Bridges account, but says -- it was mostly a matter of routine.

ARMY

The Army, today, explained why it awarded a Two Hundred Million Dollar contract to General Motors, instead of Chrysler. Under Secretary John Slezak appeared before the Senate Armed Services Committee, in answer to protests made by Senator Kefauver of Tennessee.

A new medium tank was designed by Chrysler. The contract for producing the tank - then given to G.M. The under-Secretary explained that the two great automobile concerns put in bids for the production job. And the General Motors bid was Eighteen Million Dollars lower than Chrysler.

He told the committee that the Army policy was "to provide adequate defense production at the lowest possible cost."



## UNEMPLOYMENT

Unemployment in this country rose during January - for an increase of five-hundred-and-ten-thousand. The Census Bureau, however, says that the rise was only "slightly" more than normal for the season after Christmas.

The total of unemployed is now two million, three hundred and sixty thousand; higher than at any time during the past three years; however, it's far below the post-war peak of February, Nineteen Fifty, when there were four million, seven hundred thousand unemployed.

## PIERROT

Starting tomorrow this is to be World Adventure Weekend in Detroit - so proclaimed by the Mayor. It's really a salute to Geo. Pierrot who has made history at the Detroit Institute of Arts - 21 years of presenting explorers and world travellers who have given Detroit the most successful series of travel lectures ever presented anywhere in the world. So successful it has been copied far and wide. A number of explorers and men of high adventure fame are flying to Detroit to take part in the celebration and pay homage to Impresario Pierrot on Sunday at the Detroit Institute.

## ICE JAM

In the St. Lawrence River, a dangerous ice jam -  
In the past twenty-four hours, cakes of ice have piled  
up fifteen feet high, for one mile, between Massena,  
New York and Cornwall, Ontario, near the International  
Bridge, across the St. Lawrence.

The immediate peril is that the Grasse River  
may be choked with ice - that would cause floods.

## LANDSLIDE

Northern Italy reports an enormous landslide.

In the Apennines, a solid mile of mountainside is moving down- crushing villages.

Its an area known for slides, and a year ago massive concrete barriers were constructed to stop any movement of earth. But, six days ago, the slide began - a mile wide. Thrusting forward at the rate of two feet an hour, a giant mass of earth crushed its way through the concrete barriers, and overwhelmed three farming villages. No casualties - the peasants getting out in time.

The slide continues - threatening other villages down the slope.

## URANIUM

A dispatch from Colorado, tells of the first discovery of uranium on the Eastern slopes of the Rockies. A strike of the radioactive metal in the front range, west of Denver. There's quite a story behind it, as related at a meeting of the National Western Mining Conference at Golden, Colorado.

Fred Schwartzwalder came to Colorado from Iowa, thirty years ago, and worked as a truck driver. Then as a school janitor at Golden. The name of the Town symbolized Fred's early ambition - Gold. During time off, he went prospecting but never did find any gold.

One day, while prospecting along Ralston Creek, the school janitor picked up a piece of rock, and took it home, throwing it among other samples of minerals.

A year later, Fred heard about the new kind of treasure - uranium. So he got himself a gæiger counter,

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and started investigating that heap of minerals in his back yard. When he came to that hunk of rock from Ralston creek, the geiger counter jumped.

It was uranium ore all right, but then fred couldn't remember just where he had found it except that it was somewhere along Ralston Creek. So, off he went on a return hunt along that mountain stream.

And finally, he found the place. The geiger counter said - uranium strike! So now the thing to do was drive a tunnel into the mountainside.

He needed mechanical equipment, but couldn't raise the money. Nobody paid much attention to the school janitor, and his talk of uranium. So Schwartzwalder drove the shaft with hand tools, hammering and chiseling.

He drove a shaft seventy-five feet long. Then he took out fifty-three tons of ore. Borrowed a truck from a son-in-law, and took that ore for examination by

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the Atomic Energy Commission. They said Yes! Uranium.

And then the government advanced the money to put Fred's mining operation on a mechanical basis.

Nobody knows how rich the Schwartzwalder uranium strike may turn out to be. But it may be worth a great fortune.

## MARILYN MONROE

It looks as if Marilyn Monroe has given up motion pictures for baseball - at least for the time being. Today, she left San Francisco for Japan - with her husband, Joe Di Maggio. Meanwhile the Twentieth Century Fox Studio has suspended her for failing to report for work on the movie - "Pink Tights."

Today, Marilyn explained: "I just didn't like the script, and that's all there was to it."

Flying to Japan, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Di Maggio are accompanied by Lefty O'Doul, Joe's old time manager on the San Francisco Seals. Lefty is going to Tokyo to coach Japanese ball players and the mighty Joe DiMaggio is a hero of Japanese fans.

Marilyn Monroe says she'll entertain G I's in hospitals, but she'll be in the thick of - baseball.



JAMES ROOSEVELT

Astonishing evidence was produced today, in the legal trouble between James Roosevelt and his wife. At Pasadena, California, Mrs. Roosevelt named twelve women. Filing a letter in which her husband admitted infidelities with nine.

The letter is dated back in Nineteen Forty-Five with James Roosevelt noting that he would soon go overseas. And saying - he owes it to his wife to tell of his own misconduct.

"Acts of Improper Conduct," says the letter, "have been committed by me with the following persons." And it gives the names of the nine women.

Mrs. James Roosevelt is suing for separate maintenance, asking Two Thousand Dollars a month for her own support and Fifteen Hundred Dollars a month for their three children.

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In response to the charges, today, James Roosevelt replies: "The action which my wife has taken is one obviously aimed at me for punitive purposes." And he says: "There are two sides to the story."

## PROFESSORS

Brooklyn had a fantastic episode when two professors were kidnapped by a drunken policeman, who took them for a wild ride during which he blazed away, at random, with a pistol.

Mrs. Clarence Wherwood is a Professor of Criminology. Her husband - a Professor of Sociology. They were about to get out of their automobile, at their home, when the drunken cop, with bottles of whiskey, pushed into the car beside them, forcing his way to the steering wheel, he started on a crazy drive. One hand on the wheel, in his other the pistol which he kept firing from the car.

Mrs. Wherwood, being a Professor of Criminology, tried to talk the policeman out of his frenzy. But her criminology did no good - though it had sounded fine in the classroom.

The professor, her husband, had a better idea - when the policeman stopped the car, he grabbed one of the

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cop's whiskey bottles, and whacked him over the head with it. And that worked better than the criminology. What did the cop do? Oh, he blinked, got out of the auto and walked off in a daze.

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