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Norway has given a reply to Soviet Russia.

This was announced in Oslo today, nearly four months after Moscow proposed an alliance -- a non-aggression pact. ~~At the same time Russia asked Norway what about the Atlantic Security pact? The Norwegians ^{then} ~~at the time~~ replied that they were interested in joining the lineup of Western powers. Since then the Government at Oslo has been moving to enlist under the Atlantic Security pact. All of which is followed by today's Norwegian answer to the suggestion of an alliance with Soviet Russia.~~

The word from Oslo is that the answer ^{is} -- no.

This is not official, but it seems to be fairly certain -- Norway rejecting the Soviet offer.

Secretary of Defense Forrestal has resigned.

He is succeeded by Louis A. Johnson. Accepting the
Pres. Truman
resignation ~~he~~ told newsmen that Forrestal, for a year,
has [^] wanted to quit his post. ~~The~~ new Secretary of
Defense Johnson comes from West Virginia, and was
an Assistant Secretary of War during Roosevelt adminis-
trations.

President Truman today bestowed ^e names upon the
leaders of the American Communist party -- "Traitors".
This was in response to the statement last night, when
the top chiefs of the Reds, William ~~E~~^Z Foster and
Eugene Dennis, declared that, if war should come between
the United States and Soviet Russia, the Communist party
here would support the Soviets.

It's unusual when a Cardinal becomes a grave digger -- but that happened today. Cardinal Spellman of New York, laid aside his Ecclesiastical vestments to work in a cemetery. A strike is on, and has been since the middle of January. Since that time more than a thousand funerals have been held up. Cardinal Spellman declares that the Union is dominated by Communists. So today he lead a force of seminary students to the strike-bound cemetery -- and dug graves .

SUB LEAD BLOCKADE

A bristling exchange of notes preceded the end of the little blockade ~~in~~ at Frankfurt, Germany. ~~The~~ ~~Communist~~ ~~exp~~ Moscow protested against the American order requiring the Soviet repatriation commission to leave the ~~an~~ American zone. And -- the cutting off of supplies which blockaded the mission. Washington, in reply, to the Moscow complaint upheld American commander General Clay on all points -- and made sharp remarks to the Soviets.

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Whereupon Moscow gave in, and ordered the Red Repatriation Commission to return home. But, Moscow simultaneously took retaliation -- expelling two American grave registration teams. These were inspecting the graves of American fliers shot down in eastern Germany during the second World ~~war~~ ^{is} war, which area ^{is} now in the control of the Soviets.

BLOCKADE

The little Blockade at Frankfurt is at an end-- Moscow ordering their Soviet Repatriation Committee home. At the same time Moscow is ousting an American grave inspection commission, in retaliation. The withdrawal of the blockaded Russians followed a concession made today to that Red mission. One of the Russians appeared at the entrance, talked to the American Lieutenant in command of the guard, and asked -- for a newspaper. The Lieutenant of MP's had orders to let nothing in, but he yielded, and produced a newspaper -- which was taken in for the Soviet people to read. It was a copy of the U.S. Army publication, Stars and Stripes, and on the front page was a banner headline announcing that non-stop flight around the world made by an American Bomber yesterday.

Today the Air Force drew conclusions from the round-the-world non-stopper that hit the headlines yesterday. Air Commander General Vandenburg declares that the flight was a history-making demonstration of the new refueling techniques, ~~and gave~~ ^{giving} proof that American air power can strike at any point on this globe. ^P There ~~is a lot of~~ ^{are} complexities in those refueling calculations, but they work out this way:—

The B-fifty, which flew around the world non-stop, has a normal six-thousand mile range without refueling, but here is what happens if refueling is applied to a flight out to an objective and back. If the B-fifty takes aboard gasoline from a tanker plane while in flight -- and this is done on the trip out -- then its range is increased forty per cent. If the refueling is done on the return flight the range is increased still further. ^{By} Refueling, on the way out, and on the way back, the range is lengthened by seventy-five per cent. Thus the B-fifty, ~~by the two-way refueling~~ acquires a range of ten-thousand-five-hundred miles. A round trip

between New York and Moscow is a little over nine thousand miles. ^R The deduction drawn by the air command is that we could get along without advance bases if necessary. Such forward bases are desirable; -- but, even without them, we could strike any objective -- in inter-continental warfare.

Today brought new evidence of ^{the} secrecy of the round-the-world non-stopper -- evidence from the wife of the pilot, Captain Gallagher. She hadn't the slightest idea what he was up to. She only surmised that something exceptional was going on -- otherwise she would have been highly indignant. ^R She had an appointment to meet her husband at the Mardi Gras in New Orleans. ~~So~~ she left ~~at~~ their home at Tuscon, Arizona, went to New Orleans -- with the baby. -- ~~But~~ no sign of her husband. The Mardi Gras festivities were celebrated ^d with riotous gaiety -- but no sign of the Captain. So ^{there} ~~it~~ was Mrs. Gallagher, ^{with} ~~and~~ the baby, amid all the gaiety -- something like a deserted wife -- always a

melancholy figure.

However, she didn't feel bad about it, figuring that some important air force business had detained her husband. But she never expected to hear what he told her, when he finally did telephone her in New Orleans -- telling her that he had just landed ~~in~~ *from* history's first aerial circumnavigation without a stop.

TR She says she was so astonished and confused that she got all mixed up. She turned to the baby and said: "Your husband has just flown around the world".

I hope she quickly corrected herself and said -- "Your father", Otherwise baby might have been no end astonished by the idea of -- baby having a husband.

In Washington the Department of the Interior ~~was~~ celebrating its one hundreth birthday. And on this anniversary ~~it was~~ the occasion for a look into the future -- the future as concerns the business of the Department of Interior. Assistant Secretary, William Harne, makes a suggestion that the years to come may see the waters of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers extended to the bare lands of Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico -- and even beyond the mountains. ^R In these areas vast expanses of desert may be turned into rich and fruitful farm lands by a ^M ~~vast~~ irrigation system employing the surplus waters of the Missouri and the Mississippi. ^R He noted that much of the dry southwest is flat land, level country that would cause not much engineering difficulty for a widespread system of canals, and even the mountains could be overcome -- water brought across them. He foresaw vast syphons that could raise water over the hump between New Mexico and Arizona and southern California -- a life-

giving flood taken that far from the Missouri river
and from that father of waters, the Mississippi.

WALGREN

President Truman comes to the defense of Mon Walgren, former Governor of Washington, nominaged to be Chairman of the National Security Resources Board. Walgren has been attacked bitterly by Senator Cain of Washington on various grounds -- ^{(including} ~~insists~~ the charge of favoring Communists. The President tonight states the opinion that the opposition to the former Governor of Washington is just a political fight -- and it hasn't changed his own ~~ms~~ support of Walgren.

AMNESIA

Now about that strangest of all -- amnesia stories. Latest details -- worth repeating. A year ago headlines told how the City Supervisor of San Francisco had committed suicide by jumping off the Golden Gate bridge. Articles of his clothing were found on the bridge, together with a suicide note -- blaming his act of self-destruction on politics. Today he isⁱⁿ Houston, Texas, telling details in that strangest story of lapse of memory.

It all goes back to a hot political campaign in San Francisco, a battle for the office of City Supervisor. An independent party was out to beat the organized political machine. Candidate Chris Christensen lead the fight for reform. He won by a huge majority and thought he would be able to take an independent line of action, in running San Francisco.

Then, a year ago, the news told of the suicide ^{of} ~~the~~ City Supervisor ^{Chas Christensen} ~~of the City of San Francisco,~~ ~~jumping from the Golden Gate bridge -- because of~~ machine politics. The question today is -- did he actually jump from the ^{Golden Gate} bridge? Christensen, at Houston, Texas, says he doesn't know. ^{But he} ~~Stricken with amnesia,~~ ~~his memory now is only vague and fragmentary. But he~~ thinks ^{yes,} ~~that he jump from the Golden Gate bridge.~~

Today, piecing bits of memory together, he ^{related:} ~~says~~ "I couldn't escape the machine politics. I just didn't know what to do. ~~They began demanding~~ ~~things.~~" "The last thing I remember", he adds, "is being on the bridge". ^R He ~~said~~ ^{the} he wrote a suicide note, ^{and} left his coat on the bridge. Then -- what? Did he jump? Or did he wander away? He isn't certain, but he thinks that he ^{did jump - taking} ~~took~~ the suicide leap from the lofty bridge, surviving the fall, and somehow or ^{getting} ~~got~~ to shore.

^R The last thing he remembers is this, as he tells it:
Then I was in a railroad station, and found a Los

Angeles ticket in my pocket. I went there. I didn't know who I was".

Having forgotten his name, he called himself John Anderson, and drifted to various places, Los Angeles, Douglas, ~~Arizona~~ ^{and} Tucson, ^{Ariz.} He worked at odd jobs. He was a dish-washer, a soda-jerker, and was a cook for a while at a Dude ranch near Tucson. He wandered across to Texas, and there ~~he~~ became a Bible salesman, going from door to door selling Bibles.

R Early this week he went to an employment agency in Houston, and registered for a job. Hitherto he had gone under the name of John Anderson, but now, oddly enough, he registered under ~~the~~ his right name, Christensen, and gave references in San Francisco. **R** Some trick of returning memory! The employment agency checked the San Francisco references and that brought about the disclosure of the astonishing fact -- that the drifter at Houston was the former City Supervisor of San Francisco who apparently had committed suicide by jumping off the Golden Gate bridge a year ago.

They looked him up in Houston and there found him at the house-to-house job of selling Bibles. Confronted with his true identity, he told those fragmentary bits that he recalled, and said: "I want to see my family".

He has a wife and two children, a daughter [†] of twenty-one and a son of nineteen. Today a San Francisco newspaper made arrangements for a family reunion -- in Houston.

TELEVISION 1

We all know that television is accomplishing wonders, but now comes the story of how television scored a flop ^{and} ~~in~~ a fiasco -- in Boston.

The show was really something, a televised program called -- "Living Wonders". ~~It is run by~~ Norman Harris of the Boston Museum of Sciences, who ~~presented to the television audience a "living wonder"~~ indeed -- a rattlesnake show. He was showing how ^a ~~the~~ snake rattles ^{snake} ~~and~~ strikes with its poisonous fangs. For this he used a big diamond-back rattler from the swamps of Florida, and the climax was to have the snake strike at a toy balloon filled with water -- ^a ~~thrilling~~ for the television audience. But the rattler, instead of striking at the ^a ~~balloon~~, turned and bit -- no, not the professor. The rattler sank its fangs into the microphone, ~~the protective girdle~~ -- and disrupted the show. The television show had to go off the air, ~~until a new~~ ~~microphone could be procured~~ -- ~~this one kept away from~~ the rattlesnake.

An obedient wife is a wonderful thing -- if you can find one. The place to look is Port Huron, Michigan -- the only trouble ^{being} ~~is~~ that the obedient wife is in jail.

She is Mrs. Harriet Andrews, who kept in mind that wedding vow she took -- to love, honor, and obey.

~~Well, she kept that last particle anyway.~~ ^{especially obey,} The news dispatch tells how Mr. Andrews came home, after being out with the boys. ~~He didn't walk so steadily and his~~

^{His} ~~breath~~ breath could be detected all the way across the room.

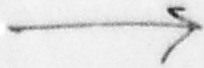
He said to wifey: "Give me a cup of coffee".

The obedient wife did so, but added: "I ought to put poison in it", ^{TP} To which hubby responded, "OK, put it in" -- and she did.

Whereupon, hubby, quite serenely, drank the coffee -- poison and all.

When the doctor arrived, he applied the stomach pump and pumped out what the news dispatch calls -- "a mixture of poisoned coffee and liquor".

The police, not liking the disturbances,



arrested the poisoned husband and the obedient wife.

In Japan ^{there's} ~~is~~ a liquor racket, ~~which is~~ supreme
in one respect -- bootlegger impudence.

They sell what is pretended to be -- imported high-grade American whiskies. The ingredients including kerosene, wood alcohol, and gasoline. It sure does sound like -- fire water. The Japanese bootlegger's favors that good old American advertising slogan -- famous since nineteen-five, or Eighteen-Eighty-Seven. The climax came when a bottle of alleged whisky was seized in a Tokyo nightclub and the label read -- famous since Fourteen Eighty-four. That was eight years before the discovery of America.

~~Not even the phoniest of our own American labels ever~~

~~went that far.~~
P Quite a while before you, and I and Hollywood arrived on the scene, Ken.