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FIGHT - 1

GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY -

You may still be talking about the big fight,

~~tonight~~ <sup>So</sup> ~~At any rate~~ let's talk about it <sup>a</sup> ~~for another~~  
~~moment~~ <sup>more</sup> ~~or so~~ before we take up the more important  
news of the day.

A familiar refrain has just gone up in New York's  
Yankee Stadium - Joe Louis, winner and still champion.

Louis, in his 23rd defense of the world's heavy-  
weight championship, has just knocked out challenger  
Tami Mauriello. The time, an incredible two minutes  
and nine seconds of the first round, the third fastest  
knockout in heavyweight title history. The second  
fastest was Louis over Schmeling, 2:04 seconds, and the  
fastest, a one-minute, 28 second knockout of Jim Roche  
by Tommy Burns way back in 1908.

Mauriello entered the ring tonight a ten to one  
under-dog. He left the ring two minutes and twenty  
seconds later, slightly the worse for wear, but enriched  
by the proceeds of 15% of an estimated 200 thousand  
dollar gate.



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At any rate, the challenger had the courage to carry the fight to Louis. Mauriello stung Joe with a right hook as soon as the opening bell sounded. For that, Louis promptly put Mauriello on the canvas for a count of five. The well-liked Italian youth was game enough, got back on his feet and charged in again. This time he went down for keeps.

Well, he's in good company. The 23rd man to fall before the flying fists of Joe Louis.



There has been a sort of ~~left handed~~ solution of the Wallace affair tonight, <sup>as you may have heard --</sup> a pseudo-solution which is not apt to please either those Congressmen who have been yelling for Wallace's scalp or those left wingers to whom Wallace is a demi-god.

Today, the ~~exuberant, if incautious~~, Secretary of Commerce was called on the carpet before President Truman to explain his recent blast at American foreign policy. A bewildered nation awaited the results of the conference. It was a day of mounting crisis with left-wing organizations backing their hero, with opponents of Wallace demanding that he resign -- get out of the Cabinet.

In Rhode Island, for instance, more than fifteen prominent Democrats threatened to take a walk out <sup>of</sup> the party. They ~~don't~~ like Wallace's foreign policy - appease the Soviets.

Well, Wallace and the President conferred in the White House for more than two hours today and ~~here is~~ the result?-- Henry Wallace will refrain from public



utterances of any kind until after the conclusion of the Paris Peace Conference. That's all to the good, say those who support Secretary of State Byrnes and the officially announced American foreign policy.

But Henry Wallace will not resign his Secretary of Commerce post. <sup>HE</sup> says the President did not ask him to and that the subject had not come up during their discussion. <sup>Not so good!</sup> ~~That's all to the good~~ say the ~~few~~ <sup>some</sup> opponents of Wallace who believe that if a man in public life cannot agree with his Chief, he'd better get himself a new Chief.

As the situation stands now, Wallace is expected to call off the barn-storming tour arranged for him by the Democratic National Committee and scheduled to begin early next month. Wallace says that he ~~will~~ will make some political speeches in the coming campaign ~~but~~ only if the campaign outlasts the Peace Conference.

It seems as though the only winner in the Wallace



controversy is Secretary of State Byrnes, suffering patiently in Paris and waiting for the dispute to be resolved. Byrnes has been reported as boiling mad over the Wallace proposal that we junk our present foreign policy and adopt a ~~friendly~~<sup>new</sup> attitude toward Russia. But if Byrnes is boiling mad, he's ~~boiling~~<sup>SEETHING</sup> inwardly. So far ~~THE~~ Secretary of State has not uttered a single word in protest against the recent Wallace speech which might very well have sabotaged his work in Paris.

A large crowd gathered outside the White House this evening to watch the Secretary of Commerce as he drove away from the meeting with Mr. Truman. And, of course, reporters were there also, and to them Wallace read in a loud voice from a collection of notes.

Said Wallace, "The President and the Secretary of Commerce had a most detailed and friendly discussion after which the Secretary meets the conclusion that he would make no public statements or speeches until the Foreign Ministers Conference in Paris is concluded."



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A reporter asked, "What was it the President told you that persuaded you to stop making speeches?"

Wallace answered, "The fact that I ~~was~~<sup>MADE</sup> an honest man."

But if our Secretary of Commerce is concerned about the trouble his latest utterances have ~~made~~<sup>MADE</sup>, there was nothing in his demeanor this afternoon to show it.

When Wallace was asked if he still stood pat on his "ease up on Russia" speech, he replied, "Absolutely."

Washington, therefore, is not rid of Henry Wallace any more than it is rid of the headache ~~the~~ Secretary of Commerce's recent public statements have caused.

Tonight, the Secretaries of War and Navy vehemently denied Wallace's assertions that one school of military thought advocated an attack on Russia before Russia has atomic bombs. The two Cabinet members, Patterson for War, and Forrestal for Navy,



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have written a letter to the President saying ~~that~~ they know of no responsible officer in either service who has suggested attacking Russia.

Wallace had insisted earlier that there was an Army-Navy clique hoping for a preventive war with the Soviet Union now.

"No," say the Chiefs of our Armed Forces," that's not true." ~~And~~ And SIGNIFICANTLY, ~~and~~ their letter to the President denying

Wallace's statements was released by the White House

Tonight. ~~Maybe~~ Maybe the President is still a little mad at Henry despite their apparent love feast this afternoon.



## WALLACE - PEARSON

The threat of a Henry Wallace-Drew Pearson battle subsided today. There won't be any legal clash between the Secretary of Commerce and <sup>our</sup> ~~our distinguished~~ colleague of newspaper and radio. Henry announced this afternoon that he accepted Drew's explanation, and was withdrawing the charge he had made.

This is the latest in the comedy of errors around the Wallace letter to President Truman - calling for ~~an~~ appeasement of the Soviets. Wallace, deciding to release the letter for publication, checked with the White House and got word that it was okay, go ahead. But that was the result of a tangle at the White House. It's none too clear just what happened, but it turned out that President Truman, far from approving of the release of the Wallace letter, objected strenuously. He was against the publication of the long Wallace document sent to him a couple of months ago - especially with its contentions



## GERMAN SCIENCE

In the Soviet section of Berlin, there's a Communist counterblast against charges made by the Western democracies - that the Soviets were sponsoring a resumption of German war production. The complaint has been made that the Red Army, in its zone of occupation, is putting German war industry into operation in behalf of the Soviets. So what now do the Reds reply to that? The Communist blast asserts that the Americans and British have taken what today's news dispatch calls, "immeasurable amounts of scientific knowledge from Germany."

Well, we know, of course, that the Americans and British did round up German scientists - who were glad enough to escape from the Russians to the Western allies. We've heard that these German scientists, many of whom were brought to the United States, have in their heads a huge lot of new tactical knowledge. ■ So now the Soviets



make a protest. They <sup>are</sup> ~~is~~ always demanding reparations,  
and <sup>now</sup> ~~claim~~ that we really got the best of the reparations  
by far - in the form, not of loot, but of scientific  
knowledge. Today's Communist complaint, <sup>quoted</sup> ~~mentioned~~ in the  
Berlin news dispatch, is as follows: "Reparations," say  
the Reds, "cannot be measured by the knowledge of  
scientists who have been imported to England and the  
United States."



## PALESTINE

In the City of Tel Aviv, the metropolis of Zionism, there was a building under heavy guard today. It's a large and sumptuous edifice, headquarters of the Jewish Agency, which is in official charge of the affairs of Zionism. Large forces of Jewish police guarded the Agency headquarters, and tonight the spacious grounds around the building are brilliantly illuminated with floodlights. These are <sup>Jewish</sup> precautions against an attack - a possible assault by Jewish extremists.

The threat of a struggle within the ranks of the Jewish underground in Palestine has become more serious. Today, Hagana, the official secret army of Zionism, issued a declaration that it would fight against what it called "purposeless terrorism." This pronouncement was issued by the secret Hagana radio, the voice of Israel. Hagana announced that it would continue its underground activities in behalf of Zionism, but declared it was



prepared to take a strong stand against futile violence that only ~~injures~~ injures the Jewish cause. This meant, of course, the doings of the two groups of terrorist conspirators - the Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Stern Gang.

~~(There has been some indication throughout the Palestine disturbances that a cleavage, amounting to a feud, existed between official leaders of Zionism, which is moderate, and the fanatics who perpetrated such acts of terrorism as the blowing up of the King David Hotel. There have been threats of open warfare between the official underground army, directed by the Jewish Agency, and the hot heads of Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Stern Gang. All of which now increases with today's declaration by Hagana <sup>So</sup> and) there is apprehension that the extremists may strike at the Jewish Agency. Hence the heavy guard around the Agency headquarters in Tel Aviv - with brilliant floodlights illuminating the building and its ground<sup>s</sup> tonight.~~



In London, meanwhile, there are <sup>Jewish</sup> terrorist

threats to blow up the headquarters of the Jewish Agency in the British capital. Letters of menace have been received - apparently from London members of Irgun Zvai Leumi. They warn against any Jewish participation in the present round table discussions between the British government and the Arab League. The Secretary General of one moderate Jewish ~~Agency~~ <sup>group</sup> today turned over to the British police a threatening letter from extremists, who declared that any Jews who might take part in the round table conference would be, in the words of the letter, "severely punished."



NEW LEAD PLANE - 1

The wilds of Newfoundland, with heavy fog and low lying clouds, may conceal the truth about a missing trans-Atlantic airliner -- a giant transport which has apparently disappeared with forty-four persons on board.

The plane is a big DC-4, operated by the Belgian Airways. It was nearly eighteen hours overdue at Gander, Newfoundland, tonight, <sup>AND IT IS NOW</sup> ~~XXXX~~ feared that the plane either crashed or made a forced landing at sea or in the bleak woods surrounding <sup>THE</sup> ~~XXXX~~ Newfoundland Airport.

Aboard the plane were six Americans, including Helen Henderson, Executive Secretary of the International Division of Girl Scouts.

The Pilot of the plane radioed the Gander Airport at 3:30 a.m. <sup>TODAY</sup> ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ that he was coming in for a landing. Then silence -- nothing more has been heard since. All day search planes and ground parties hunted ceaselessly for signs of a possible wreck, but the weather was uniformly bad all over Newfoundland,



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as it often is this time of year. The search parties,  
after pushing through forest and fog, returned to their  
base tonight weary and empty handed. *It may be the  
greatest plane disaster on record,*



## SQUATTERS

It looks as if England were on its way out of the squatters crisis. Today, the people plagued by the housing shortage are moving out of <sup>the</sup> fancy apartments they ~~have~~ seized in the squatters' rebellion - described by the London government as Communist-inspired. It looked like an incipient Red revolt, <sup>But the</sup> collapse of the movement <sup>is</sup> ~~and~~ just another illustration of that respect for law which has always distinguished staid and stodgy England. The squatters are moving out, because of threats of ~~persecution~~ <sup>prosecution</sup>, legal action.

Today, the High Court issued an injunction against squatters occupying the London house of the Duchess of Bedford - which is being held by the British government under a housing project. As soon as the illegal tenants of Bedford House were served with the order of the High Court, they posted up a sign reading: "We, as law-abiding citizens, will carry out any lawful



order to evacuate - although we are homeless." So they <sup>are</sup> moving tomorrow, and the government is preparing dwelling places for them at a war-time rest center.

At Abbey Lodge, near the London residence of the American Ambassador, twenty squatters evacuated the premises today, and rode off in taxicabs paid for by the Communist Party. ~~It appeared~~ They too had been served with an order from the High Court - and the Communist Party, which had pushed them in, now moved them out.

The squatters' rebellion has spurred the London government into action to help victims of the housing shortage. That seems to be about the net result of the insurrection led by the Reds. It looked for a while like a dangerous agitation, but it ends in a display of that <sup>Good old</sup> British law-abiding spirit.



## COMMUNIST WRITERS

In all the Communist uproar nowadays, the vast majority of Americans are simply unable to imagine what goes on. To speak of Stalinist Reds on the inside of prominent American affairs, appears to be fantastic.

~~For example,~~ There has been talk about Communism in Hollywood, ~~especially among the big-money writers and~~  
~~scenarioists of movieland.~~ Is there anything in that?

Well, let's take a look at an article in the New York World-Telegram today, an article by Frederick Woltman.

He presents a picture of an American Communist literary purge -- much like the purge of the arts going on right now in Soviet Russia, ~~We've heard about that~~  
~~latest Moscow drive against aesthetic heresy, especially~~  
against the literary crime of art for art's sake.

Prominent Soviet writers have been chucked in the ashcan, because they haven't been hot enough with propaganda <sup>ing</sup> to glorify Stalin. ~~And now we are told of~~  
~~And now we are told of~~ ~~there is~~ an American replica of that.

Frederick Woltman tells of a prominent



Hollywood writer, a novelist, who in an article took some slight exception to the theory that literature should be mere Communist propaganda. He also spoke a few kind words about several non-Communist American writers.

That got him into the purge. He was violently denounced by the Daily Worker, which pilloried the unfortunate comrade, ~~by~~ saying ~~that~~ he was guilty of art for art's sake. The back-sliding comrade was hit by a series of ~~and~~ articles from the typewriters of top-ranking Hollywood writers, some of the biggest of the big money scenarists of movieland. They reviled the unhappy comrade for being false to the faith of Stalin.

What did the comrade do? Did he speak up like an independent-minded American writer, and say he'd think as he pleased and write as he pleased? Not ~~at~~ at all. ~~The true Communist is a servile creature, quite~~  
~~willing to <sup>grovel</sup> ~~grab~~ and whine at the feet of a Red dictator.~~  
~~This supposed to be American writer made a public~~



public This supposed to be American writer, made a recantation, beating his breast, and begging forgiveness.

He wrote a statement in which he said that his article was -- "one-sided, distorted." He said he had fallen into half-truths and was falling into total error, but now he saw the light. "My critics were entirely correct," he writhed, ~~in the dust~~. "We must in this epoch return to Marxism," said he, crawling.

All of which sounds like pitiful American aping of the barbarous lunacy that goes on in Soviet Russia.

~~And now Hugh - let's hear from~~

~~You~~ And now something that  
3/4 isn't lunacy — from you, Nelson.



JUGOSLAV - MISSING

*Taken from early 9/10/46 bc.*

Today brings forth another case of an American held by the Yugoslavs. At least, he is believed to be held by them - he's missing after having disappeared in Yugoslav territory.

The American is Roy Stoeckel, a civilian employee of the American Army in Austria. Last June, Stoeckel was driving a jeep along an Austrian road.

What he didn't know was that, at one point, the highway ran through a strip of Yugoslav territory. So, ~~unwittingly~~ <sup>unwittingly</sup>

~~knowing~~ he drove into Jugoslavia - and, along the

road, was taking some pictures. ~~Soldiers of Communist~~

~~Marshal Tito picked him up, and the last heard of him was~~

~~a letter that he wrote in July. The jeep in which he was~~

~~driving was turned over to British authorities.~~

Two months ago, the American Embassy handed the Yugoslav government a note asking about Stoeckel. There was no reply. Two weeks ago, the inquiry was repeated -



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and still no reply.

All this comes to light today, with an Army report listing Stoeckel as - missing.




concerning the atomic bomb. <sup>That</sup> We should drop the present Baruch plan for international atomic control, and get together with the Soviets on the subject of the bomb.

However, the Secretary of Commerce, having been informed that the President approved, had gone ahead and given the letter to the newsmen. The explanation was that the document was being released because it had been filched from the files of the Department of Commerce and had got into the hands of a newspaper columnist. <sup>π</sup> The newsman, accused of having a stolen document, was not named. But up spoke Drew Pearson. He said he had ~~the~~ <sup>a</sup> copy of the Wallace letter and was preparing to publish it. As for the copy having been filched from files, he threatened to sue Wallace for libel unless the Secretary withdrew the charge of theft. He said that his copy had not come from the Department of Commerce, but that he had acquired it from other sources altogether.



So now Wallace withdraws the charge. He says:

"I am happy to take his word, and I would be interested  
to know  
^ where he did secure the letter." And so, Drew, where  
did you get the letter - Henry would like to know.





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The plane took off from Ireland bound for Gander, Newfoundland, and apparently crashed in the wilds near that airport. A scouting plane reports the wreckage of an airliner in difficult wooded country, hard to get at.

*P* This may turn out to be the worst plane disaster on record, and tonight search parties are pushing through forest and fog to get to the wreck.

But here's late word - the wreckage found is not that of the big trans-Atlantic liner.



WALLACE - ADDRESS

On the question of future Wallace addresses, we have a late story from Providence, Rhode Island.

~~He~~ An announcement of the resignation of two sponsors of the Democratic get-together which the Secretary of Commerce is scheduled to address next Tuesday. One is the State Director of Agriculture, and the other is an ~~amateur~~ Marine Corps veteran and a leader among the Young Democrats of Rhode Island. They resigned in protest over the <sup>Wallace</sup> foreign policy of ~~Wallace~~ appease the Soviets.

Moreover, the word is that as many as fifteen other prominent Democrats might resign from the seventy-five man committee. Also, it is reported in Providence that two top ranking Democratic officials will boycott the affair, Solicitor General Howard McGrath and Governor Pastore.



## WALLACE

At last reports, Henry Wallace was still in conference with President Truman. Late this afternoon, the Secretary of Commerce went to the White House - amid a ~~swirl~~ of rumors that President Truman might demand that Wallace refrain from delivering any more campaign speeches advocating a policy of go-easy with the Soviets.

If not, resign - leave the ~~cabinet~~. (~~Friends of Wallace's~~

~~were saying today that he'd stick to his guns, refuse to~~

~~keep silent - he being convinced that he is right in~~

~~denouncing the American foreign policy of Secretary Byrnes~~

~~in Paris.)~~

The nation, in utter bewilderment<sup>t</sup> over the tangles and twisters, has been tensely awaiting a decision in the matter - a decision that will proceed from the Truman-Wallace conference that is still going on in the White House right now.



## FIGHT

Tonight's big fight gives a complete illustration of the old saying - nothing to lose. In the ring with Champion Joe Louis, Challenger <sup>Tami</sup> Mauriello will win the loser's share of the money - and that sums up his prospects, according to almost universal opinion. He

~~stands to lose neither reputation nor the cheers of admirers who believe he'll win. He has virtually no popular support, and there's hardly anyone who~~ <sup>likes him</sup> ~~believes~~ <sup>a chance,</sup> ~~he'll win~~

The New York Italian is well liked, and if he scored an unexpected victory, it would please thousands of fight fans who know him as a rough game battler.

~~But the universal opinion is that he is hopelessly~~

~~outclassed.~~ <sup>But he</sup> can't box, and he can't hit as hard as

Joe Louis. Moreover, he has a deformed ankle and foot because of an injury in childhood. He limps a bit, and is knocked down easily. The only advantage he has over



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Joe Louis is youth, Mauriello being twenty-three,

Joe thirty-<sup>two</sup>~~four~~. If the challenger should be knocked out in a hurry, it <sup>would</sup>~~will~~ be what everybody expects.

Anything above that, will be so much to the good for Mauriello - a strong fight, a game ~~ex~~ exciting exhibition, and that complete improbability, a victory.

~~So the rough tough scrapper goes into the ring~~

~~with nothing to lose.~~ But that negative condition, <sup>nothing to lose, has, at</sup> ~~times,~~ times, been considered an asset. History

abounds with deeds of daring ~~deeds~~ by those who had - nothing to lose.



A Bulletin from the White House. Secretary Wallace has just emerged from his conference with President Truman. He said he will make no more speeches or public statements until the Foreign Ministers Conference in Paris is over.

He is not resigning from the Cabinet.