

ITALY

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Italy - without a government. Premier Segni - resigning tonight. Which was a foregone conclusion - after political events over the weekend.

Premier Segni - a member of the Christian Democratic Party. The largest group - in a coalition. Which included - the Social Democrats. Yesterday, the Social Democratic leader, Saragat - virtually announced the fall of the government. Saying - his faction was withdrawing support.

Premier Segni, who had been in office for nearly two years, was criticized for lacking energy and enterpriss. Moreover, Italy is having strike troubles - a walkout of postal workers.

## ISRAEL

Israel put on a big show, today - which had a news angle, more than the mere festivity. The celebration of the Ninth Anniversary of Israel's independence. In Tel Avia - a military parade. Dramatized - by a display of Russian-made tanks, and other warlike equipment from behind the Iron Curtain. All - captured from the Egyptians, in Israel's invasion of Egypt last autumn.

But the news-angle is found in the fact - that most of the armor and artillery that rolled clanking along was French made. Eighty percent of the weapons - procured from France. Illustrating - the strong tie ■■■ between France and Israel, today. And confirming reports - that the military forces of Israel have been reorganized along the lines of the French Army.

A still sharper news angle - an aerial display. Squadrons of jet planes flying past - and thirty-six of the jet fighters were from France. Hitherto, Israel has acknowledged the receipt of only twelve French made jets. But, there were thirty-six - in today's pageant.

## TUNNEL

The old Suez Canal company - interested in a tunnel. Having lost the great water-way in Egypt, they<sup>a</sup>re participating in the revival of an old scheme - a tunnel under the English Channel.

For more than a century there<sup>has</sup> been talk about constructing a tube linking France and England. Always check-mated - for military reasons, mostly. Britain afraid - a tunnel might be an invasion route.

Recently, however, the British are thinking more and more about collaborating with continental countries. The tunnel project - revived. Both British and French railroads, which are government owned - playing a leading part.

So now the Suez Canal company steps in. Deprived of the great Egyptian waterway - but in possession of a lot of accumulated funds.

They estimate - it would take ten years to bore a tube under the twenty-two miles of English Channel - <sup>at a</sup> cost ~~of~~ some two hundred and eighty million dollars.

## INDONESIA

Soviet President Voroshilov - getting a hot reception in Indonesia. Received at the airport with a peageant of welcome. But, at the ~~the~~ same time, a mob was rioting - tearing down pictures of the Soviet visitor. Shouting - "Voroshilov go home." And battling the forces of police.

Which you might call - a counter point. Cheers for the President of Soviet Russia - on one side of the stage. Howls against him - on the other.

COLUMBIA

In the South American Republic of Columbia - a political crisis that ~~is~~ looks revolutionary. Thousands of University students on strike. Workers called out - in a general strike.

Disturbances over the weekend - in which two youths were killed. Followed - now - by the mass demonstrations against the government of President Rojas Pinilla.

Tonight, things are calm in the Capital city of Bogota - with military forces on ~~the~~ guard. Tanks, armored vehicles - throughout the city.

The ethical practices committee of the A F L - C I O presented formal charges, today - against President Dave Beck of the Teamsters Union. A twenty-two page document - accusing him of using union funds for his own personal purposes, and of reaping personal profits from his union position. Which would certainly seem to apply to Beck's own admission - that he borrowed two to three hundred thousand dollars of union funds.

Today's allegation tells of crooked union practices in various parts of the country. And - brings charges against union Vice President Frank Brewster, head of the Teamsters on the West Coast. And - union Vice President Sidney Brennan of Minneapolis.

Dave Beck was present at the committee meeting. He and his fellow Teamster officials - asking for more time to prepare a defense. The A F L - C I O committee agreed - and will meet again on May Twenty-Fourth.

MCCARTHY

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There was a requiem mass in St. Mathew's Catholic cathedral. After which - a funeral cortege proceeded to the Capitol. Where the body of Senator McCarthy- lay in state.

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Here's a book review - of a dramatic sort. Today -  
~~was~~ <sup>day for that</sup> ~~bringing~~ publication ~~of a~~ volume by Alger Hiss; Called -  
"In the court of public opinion."

In ~~which~~ <sup>it</sup> the former State Department official argues  
his own case at length - with bitter excoriation of the way he  
was found guilty of perjury, when he denied he had ever given  
secret documents to Red espionage.

The United Press picked a striking character to  
review the book - Senator Mundt of South Dakota, ~~Who~~ was  
Acting Chairman of the Senate Committee - that brought the  
charge against Alger Hiss. Senator Mundt - hardly expected to  
be impartial, or disinterested - but exceedingly familiar with  
the Hiss affair.

He concentrates on that one dominating piece of  
evidence in the Hiss trial - the typewriter. Which had belonged  
to Alger Hiss - and on which espionage documents were typed.  
Hiss, himself claiming - "forgery by ~~typewriter~~ typewriter."

Senator Mundt, in his book-review, says - that Hiss

tries, in vain, to explain the typewriter. He adds that the defense took more than a year, spending seventy-five hundred dollars - trying to reproduce the typewriter. To show - the incriminating documents could have been typed on another machine. But, were unsuccessful in efforts to duplicate the typing.

In any case, the celebrated affair of Alger Hiss has now reached the stage - of argument-by-book.

OMAHA

Omaha, Nebraska - having a shake-up of the local police force. Because - of a series of burglaries. No, it isn't a case of wanting the police to stop the robberies. They want the cops - to stop committing the burglaries.

Recently, citizens testified - they saw uniformed policemen taking merchandise out of places of business at night. Cops - looting stores. Six officers have been questioned - simply because they were on duty in the section where the burglaries occurred. But, they refused to take the lie detector test. Charging - the lie detector is inaccurate and incorrect. The lie detector - a liar.

Over the weekend, police chief Harry Green was dismissed, and the Omaha cops have a new boss, today. Captain Carl Heime - appointed chief of police. His first order - a thorough going investigation of the Police department.

## PULITZER PRIZES

The Pulitzer prizes - present a surprise. A United States Senator - winning the award for biography. Senator John Kennedy of Massachusetts, honored for his book "Profiles of Courage." I can't remember any member of Congress ever ~~winning~~ winning a literary prize - before.

The journalism award for news reporting goes to Russell Jones, who covered the Hungarian revolt.

FLOODS

*Tonight,* At one point of Louisiana, the Red River is -  
three miles wide. The latest - in the flood news from the  
Southwest and South. The Red River ordinarily - a reasonable<sup>e</sup>  
small sort of stream. But the ~~REXX~~ heavy rains have sent  
it flooding - ~~SEE~~ across Louisiana farmlands. *Several* hundred  
~~and nearly five~~ families - washed out. Four hundred men with  
sand bags and bull dozers - laboring to protect the town of  
Clarence, Louisiana.

CANADA

In Canada, twenty-five hundred people have made an appeal - to Moscow. People of Western Canada - wanting to go to Soviet Russia. ~~ASK~~ Asking the Kremlin - to let them in.

Sounds as if Canada - should be chagrined by this.  
*And you've probably guessed who they are.*  
But - not at all. *^* The twenty-five hundred are - Doukobors.

The very mention of whom is enough to give a Canadian - the shudders.

The Doukobors - who have made endless headlines  
*as jay birds.*  
by parading around naked, *^* Burning barns, put on trial, sent to prison. Costing Canada millions of dollars - for police work, investigations, legal proceedings, and prison charges. With Canada blushing - when the Doukobors, men and women, peel off their clothes, and stage a procession.

This odd religious group - was Russian to begin with. Their strange practices - causing them to be persecuted back in the days of the Czars. So, the Doukobors migrated to Canada.

Recently, the government of ~~Britain~~ British

Columbia issued an order - compelling the children of the  
Doukobors to attend a school at New Denver, <sup>P.C.</sup> Which meant,  
presumably - that their belief in the doctrines of the cult  
would be weakened.

~~But~~ that was too much, and the Doukobors ~~were~~  
decided - they might as well return to Russia. Which the  
sect left - sixty years ago.

There's no sign whether or not the Soviets - will  
let them in. No doubt, Moscow can make propaganda out of  
twenty-five hundred Canadians - looking for freedom under  
the doctrine of Marx and Lenin. But what would they do, if the  
Doukobors went on a nude parade, <sup>in Moscow's Red Square,</sup> and started burning barns?

## SOVIET MOVIE

A huge celebration, last night, at the French resort city of Cannes. A Russian vodka-caviar party - whooping it up for a motion picture. Really - something special. A Soviet film - with a flaming, heart-throb love story, ~~instead~~ - of tractors and the party line.

The time - the Bolshevik revolution. The heroine - a beautiful girl, who has killed forty white Russians with her trusty rifle. Fatal beauty - is right. Then, as the plot thickens, she finds herself a castaway on a lonely island in the Caspian Sea. Together - with a white Russian officer. The two - all alone, and they fall in love. Plenty of romance - after which a party of White Russians arrive at the island. The heroine's lover makes a dash - to join them. Whereupon, she picks up her trusty rifle and shoots him.

So far - so Soviet! But the picture ends in an ~~amazing~~ astonishing way. The Bolshevik heroine - overcome by a fit of love and remorse. Running to the lover whom she has killed - and weeping over him.



Bourgeois sentimentality - which would never have  
been allowed in the days of Stalin. Startling novelty -  
- *hailed*  
hailed at Cannes, with vodka and caviar.

## PRINCESS

This morning, in Stockholm - a royal princess read the newspapers. Princess Margaretha, grand-daughter of King Gustaf - scanning accounts of her blighted romance with Robin Douglas-Home, whom she met in London. The Princess described as "very sad" as she read the papers. Her lady-in-waiting putting it in these words: "She is not happy over all the press reports about her personal life."

But - asked the news reporters, was the Princess also broken-hearted because her parents had called her back from London? Called her <sup>home</sup> ~~away~~ from Robin Douglas-Home? The Lady-in-Waiting ~~■~~ wouldn't answer that.

The Stockholm dispatch explains the reason for the royal Swedish disapproval. Robin Douglas-Home <sup>is</sup> sufficiently aristocratic. <sup>He's</sup> ~~a~~ son - of the Noble Earl of Home. True, he's a jazz pianist in a night club. Which ~~■~~ might not please the royal musical ear. But that doesn't seem to be the ~~■~~ reason.

The trouble - the same thing that you'll find in so many love stories. Money! The sighing swain - has no

princely income. He works in an advertising office by day,  
and plays jazz in a night club at night. The two jobs - netting

*him* eighty-four <sup>*bucks*</sup> ~~dollars~~ a week. At the same time, Princess

Margaretha has an exceedingly small fortune - for a Princess.

Amounting to - a little more than eighty thousand dollars.

Which elucidation from Stockholm <sup>*Henry,*</sup> seems to arouse  
an old echo: "Can you support my daughter in the style to  
which she is accustomed?"

Only too often the correct mournful answer has  
been - "no."

**END**

**Announcer:** And now Lowell Thomas recalls

**L.T.:** Two things - a letter I have here, and things I was observing a year ago. At which time I was in the Himalayan kingdom of Nepal, where I noted the impressive delegation that Red China sent to the Coronation of King Mahendra - headed by Vice Premier Ulan Fu - with bales of presents. The Chinese Reds - doing a busy job of Communist politics. The letter I have is from Paul Rose, Director of our American Economic Mission to Nepal, whom I met a year ago. He was of great help to us, then. And - he told me about the work American aid was doing. Now he writes that Red China has pledged twelve million dollars - in economic assistance to Nepal. Soviet Russia - also making an offer. Which illustrates - Red competition for American aid in the world of the Himalayas.

And so long until tomorrow.