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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The Truman vacation place at Key West was the scene of a number one conference today - a talk between the President and Defense Mobilizer Charles E. Wilson. Union Labor is attacking Wilson bitterly, and has withdrawn its representatives from all angles of the new giant armament program. So, it was in the cards for the President and the Mobilizer to talk things over;- and, they did, today.

The result would seem to be that Charles E. Wilson prevailed over his Labor critics. He says the President agreed that the defense effort comes first - and, in Wilson's words, "nothing and nobody must interfere."

He made it plain that neither he nor the President would back down from the present policy - no matter what the outcry from the Unions might be.

MOSCOW

In Moscow, the Supreme Soviet began its annual session today - something as near to a parliament as you can have in a Red dictatorship. All is cut and dried, the alleged legislators ready to vote for anything that Stalin hands them. They were handed a law labeled - "for the defense of peace." This enactment provides severe penalties for the distribution of war propaganda, or indulges<sup>ing</sup> in war talk.

The meaning of this is obvious - and it was stated outright by the deputy who introduced the "Peace Law." It follows a resolution adopted by the Soviet-sponsored "World Council of Peace," which recommended such enactments. "Peace Laws" have been passed in some of the ~~SIX~~ satellite countries now in Soviet Russia. All of which sounds like a brilliant stunt - "Peace law" as propaganda in a world that yearns for peace.

BRITAIN

today,  
In the London Parliament, the Conservative opposition gave full support to the Labor Government in the matter of a budget for the Royal Air Force - nearly a billion dollars for the R.A.F. in Nineteen Fifty-One and 'Fifty-Two. So that Britain may have overwhelming power in the sky. In announcing Conservative support, Anthony Eden stated that, in case of war, the R.A.F. must be prepared to meet a massive enemy airborne invasion. Perhaps as many as six divisions ~~are~~ descending on England.

~~and~~

Previously, Arthur Henderson, Secretary for Air, told the Commons that Britain will turn over its entire light bomber command to General Eisenhower, for his Atlantic Pact army. The light bomber command is being equipped as rapidly as possible with Canberra Jets - described as the best ~~light~~ ~~bomber~~ in the world.

## ITALY

( In Italy, the question of patriotism versus Communism was presented in clear, dramatic style today - amid an uproar in the National Assembly. The Reds shouted that they would never defend their country against Soviet Russia. )

The Minister of Defense was presenting a special bill for armament, to the tune of four hundred million dollars. The Communists were heckling, yelling and booing. Finally, the Minister of Defense turned on the Reds, and demanded: "Would you, as Italians, fight against Soviet Russia?"

"No, no, never!" screamed the Reds. Whereupon the Minister said the issue was clearly drawn - "between those who want to defend their fatherland and those who do not."

All of which dramatized the split in the Italian Communist Party and the formation of a National Communist Party, Titoist. We have a statement that then thousand Reds have quiet the Party - refusing to pledge themselves to fight against their own country, in case of war.

## GERMANY

Today marked a new step in advancing Western Germany ~~and~~ nearer to full independence. The Western Allies granted the government of Chancellor Adenauer new authority in foreign and domestic affairs.

The outstanding concession is that the West German government is permitted to set up a Foreign Office, the first Ministry of Foreign Affairs <sup>that</sup> ~~the~~ Germans have had since the Second World War. The only string attached is that the West German Government is forbidden to establish diplomatic relations with Soviet Russia or any Red satellite.

## FRANCE

The French National Assembly has just refused to install Guy Mollet as premier. Mollet, who is Secretary General of the Socialist Party, undertook to form a government, and line up parliamentary support. But this he failed to get - and France is still without a ministry tonight

KOREA

The U.N. advance continues in Korea, amid increasing signs that a heavy Red counter-attack <sup>may</sup> ~~will~~ soon be launched.

A snowstorm was on today, and the Air Force was grounded.

Nevertheless, American troops made advances all along the mountain front - in some places pushing ahead for more than a mile. The Reds launched a thrust here and there, of the "feeler" variety - the sort of probing attack that often

~~precedes a major onslaught.~~ Forty divisions of Chinese and

North Koreans have been massed all across the peninsula,

possibly two hundred thousand soldiers. - ~~for a counter~~ →

offensive, apparently. →

THE LATEST FROM KOREA

The latest: (The Red offensive <sup>in Korea</sup> has apparently begun.

On the eastern front the Communist forces surged forward and made some gains.)

At last reports the situation was indefinite but it would appear that *the*

expected new

~~the~~ big Red attack has been launched.

POSTAGE

A congressional committee heard some sharp words today - from a Cabinet officer. Usually, the members of the Cabinet are circumspect, if not oily, with Congress - in the way of politicians. But Jesse Donaldson rose through the ranks to the postal service, having begun as a letter carrying mailman, and now - Postmaster General. So he spoke as a veteran of forty years in the game.

He was arguing for an increase of postal rates, and said his department was in the red, because <sup>(the</sup> ~~postal~~ rates are too low. So, he told the committee, "It's not fair to kick me around and charge inefficient management," He <sup>said</sup> ~~could~~ ~~the~~ ~~committee~~ ~~that~~ Congress should make up its mind whether it wants higher postal rates or more red ink. "If Congress," said he, "is satisfied with a seven or eight hundred million dollar deficit - say so, and you'll never get a squeak out of me."

He gave figures <sup>(showing that on)</sup> ~~show that~~ each penny postal card the Government loses one and eight-tenths of a cent. Which

represents a total loss on penny postal ~~cards~~<sup>s</sup> of seventy million dollars a year. That's why the Administration proposes - two cent postal cards.

The same sort of deficit goes for second class mail, newspapers and magazines. Also - third class mail, circulars and advertising, on which the Post Office Department loses more than two hundred and thirty million dollars a year.

All of which was stated in blunt terms by the one-time letter carrier - now Postmaster General.

## BRITAIN - Diet

Here's news you'd hardly expect from Britain - the land of austerity and skimpy food rations. A fad for dieting, an enthusiasm for reducing. You'd think they would be skin and bones already, but the facts are these:

Dress manufacturers found that British women, in general, needed larger dresses. The average hip size increased from thirty-eight to forty. So the British Broadcasting Corporation thought it might be a good idea to put on a television feature. Theme - reducing diet.

The public interest was enormous. "We got twenty-six thousand letters immediately," says Producer S.E. Reynolds, "and they are still coming in by the sackful." Whereupon newspapers joined the reducing stampede, publishing their own diets - how to get thin. No, you might not expect it in a country where each person is allowed only one egg per week and eight cents' worth of meat.

Yet it isn't too hard to figure - starches. The shortages compel the British people to live mostly on starchy

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foods, bread, macaroni, rice, potatoes. All - fattening.

The foods they can't get, like eggs and meat - are precisely

those that would keep them thin. As one physical instructor

said today: "In the United States you get steak and

potatoes. Here we have no choice - we get potatoes." So

Britain is getting fat - on austerity.

## GLIDER

A new glider record is claimed - for altitude. The announcement is made by a German scientist, Dr. Joachim Kuettnner, who is attached to the Research Laboratories of the U.S. Air Force at Cambridge, Mass. The glider flight was made in California, over the Sierra Nevada Mountains. Dr. Kuettnner, with Robert Symons, rode a glider up to thirty-eight thousand, two hundred feet <sup>---</sup> <sub>^</sub> <sup>20</sup> <sub>^</sub> hailed a record for two-seaters.

The plane without power soared on the breeze, climbing with up-drafts of air. The currents <sup>sweep</sup> ~~rose~~ <sub>^</sub> <sub>^</sub> up the slopes of the Sierra Nevada, where the eddies of air swirl high - enabling the wings without a motor to rise to an altitude of about seven and a half miles.

## BLIND

A singular story of healing comes from Compton, California, where Gilbert Sawyer was visiting some relatives. He was blind - having lost his sight in an explosion two years ago. He was a musician, player of the bass violin, and hoped against hope that he would get his vision back. But he didn't, and had to get a Seeing Eye dog to make his way around.

At the home of relatives, in Compton, he was resting quietly, sitting out on the lawn, in the sunlight - which he couldn't see. The family ~~was sitting~~ has a three year old boy who was romping around on the lawn. Then suddenly, the toddler ran to the blind man, and kissed him on the cheek. Whereupon Sawyer started up, jumped to his feet, and shouted: "I can see, I can see everything."

Somehow, the child's kiss had ~~brake~~ brought a shock ~~to~~ that restored his sight, the vision of his left eye. For the first time, Sawyer was able to see the dog that had been his eyes. Likewise, for the first time, he saw his wife - whom he had married after he had gone blind.

## RADIO

An explanation is published of the radio outrage at Denver. It was startling, shocking - when the loud speakers all over the Queen City of Colorado began blasting a stream of profanity, a blurt of cuss words. It was all the more unseemly, because the blaze of hard language interrupted a music program - Pianist Frank White playing lovely melodies.

Right in the middle of the tunes and harmonies, a voice broke in, saying: "These blankety blank wires always give me a blankety blank pain in the neck." To which another voice chimed in with the same kind of blankety blank.

It lasted for eight minutes, and the radio people were running wild - not to mention the outraged citizens of Denver, who are noted for their sedate propriety. Sound engineers and radio executives went daffy, trying to find out what was putting all that cursing and swearing on the air.

Well, the secret is out. The culprits - two telephone repairmen. They were fixing some wires, and made a wrong

splice - cutting their own voices into the radio circuit.

They were a couple of tough talkers, and were a bit disgusted with the job they were doing. So they expressed themselves freely and profanely - never guessing that they were actually on the air and were broadcasting all that sulphury language to the pious city of Denver.

## ROMANCE

Here's a news dispatch presenting an intricate tale of swindling and romance. Today the New York police arrested Henry Levy, twenty-seven years old, charging him with a crooked game that netted forty thousand dollars. District Attorney Hogan says he got the money, from various people, *by* representing that he had contracts to buy Nylon goods at a dollar a yard, which he could resell for a dollar and a half a yard. A nice profit, but it all turned out to be a fraud, according to the authorities.

But what did Levy do with the money? That's the interesting part of it. He says he showered the entire forty thousand dollars on a chorus girl - in gifts. She is Rosemary Williamson, who appeared in Mike Todd's *Famed* Peep Show. Levy gave her a twenty-five hundred dollar mink coat, a ~~in~~ fifty-eight hundred dollar Cadillac convertible, a fifty-two hundred dollar diamond ring, a thousand dollar wrist watch, a six hundred dollar stone marten fur piece - not to mention lesser presents and expensive entertainment. He had a fabulous fling

as a "Stage Door Johnny."

But now it all ends, with arrest on a charge of swindling. So what's the status of the romance? That is equally painful. Today Levy said: "I thought she was a nice girl, but she took me." <sup>Peep Show</sup> ~~But~~ Rosemary has another version. She says, "This creep gave me these big mad things - and then, months later, he told me he had stolen the money for them."

The orchestra will now play "Hearts and Flowers" in a minor key, with sour high notes, *Nelson*.