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At Panmunjom today, the Armistice Supervision Committee met for only seven minutes, with no new suggestions made by either side. ~~The Exchange of War Prisoners Committee is also deadlocked.~~ Both Committees at a standstill today, with only nine more negotiating days until the end of the truce period. From both tents, the report comes - "No Progress." However, the Communists today sounded out the U. N. Command with an unofficial feeler. They wanted to find out if General Ridgway would be willing to extend the truce period. Their feeler was 'off the record' but ~~out~~ <sup>the word is</sup> ~~reply comes~~ from a U. N. Spokesman, ~~who states~~ <sup>for</sup> that ~~an~~ "There has been no thought or plan ~~for~~ an extension."

In an effort to break the ~~two~~ deadlock, the Allies today cracked down on the Communists. A U. N. Spokesman warned the Reds that all unauthorized vehicles on the Pyongyang-Kaesong Highway would be attacked. Since November, this highway has been immune from air attack, allowing the two Communist Armistice Convoys a safe passage. From Air reports, it now ~~appears~~

## KOREA - TRUCE

appears that the Reds have been moving some twenty vehicles a day over the road, apart from the Armistice Convoys. We now say this must stop. As one spokesman puts it: "The honeymoon is over. Tomorrow morning the vehicles will be shot at instead of looked at."

Meanwhile, <sup>more</sup> fighting ~~has flared~~ along the Korean front. Today, heavy tanks rumbled into action, supported by rocket firing jets -- in the <sup>face</sup> ~~force~~ of heavy enemy patrolling.

In a dogfight over Mig Alley, twenty sabre jets cut off ten migs from a flight of ninety Russian built jets. Outnumbered two to one, the Communist flyers ~~soon~~ <sup>fled with</sup> turned ~~for home~~ when two of their <sup>number</sup> ~~planes were~~ damaged.

# CHURCHILL

Winston Churchill is in Paris tonight, for a secret parley with Premier Plevin and General Eisenhower. It is believed that the British Premier today promised strong support for General Eisenhower's unified European Army. Churchill is accompanied by Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, who will meet tomorrow with the Egyptian Foreign Minister, in a move to try and settle the Anglo-Egyptian dispute over the Suez Canal.

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~~Tomorrow~~ Churchill and Eden will lunch with a few hours from now.

General Eisenhower, and They are expected to discuss possible British participation in some form of European federation.

~~later word:~~ The ~~word~~ French Govt, we hear, has oked Churchill's moves heading toward another meeting with Stalin.

## GERMANY

In the U N political committee today, - in Paris the Big Three western powers unveiled their plan for a neutral commission to Germany. The five-member commission, including Communist Poland, <sup>to</sup> ~~would~~ investigate whether or not free elections can be held in both ~~the~~ East and West Germany. Sir Gladwyn Jebb of Britain announcing the plan, suggested that Brazil, Iceland, the Netherlands, Pakistan and Poland be represented.

So far the Russians have made no reply, but Israel has voiced her objections, on the grounds that the Germans should not be allowed to determine their future destiny.

Meanwhile, the Soviet bloc <sup>is attempting</sup> ~~has unleashed~~ a maneuver to by-pass the Baruch plan on atomic control. The Polish delegate suggested today that a twelve nation commission consider both the eastern



and the western disarmament plans -- in an attempt at a compromise.

However, the United States immediately rejected the Polish suggestion. ~~So far it's not clear how western Europe will react~~

## LOYALTY CHECK

( Five-hundred-and-sixty-five Government employees are to undergo new loyalty checks.) This follows orders handed down today by the President's top loyalty review board. The five hundred and sixty five federal agency employees have already been cleared by their own departments, but must now undergo further check following the President's new and stricter standards laid down last May. ( Mr. Truman's order changed the loyalty standards from "reasonable grounds for belief that the person involved is disloyal" to "a reasonable doubt as to the loyalty of the person involved." ) Today's order involves every agency of the government, and may well lead to a new series of dismissals.

## INTERNAL REVENUE

A wave of new tax scandals is expected. This follows the disclosure in Washington, by Commissioner of Internal Revenue, John Dunlap, that a sixty-five man squad of investigators is ~~digging~~ digging into reported tax shake-downs in New York. John Dunlap told newsmen that the full scale inquiry has been under way since November First, and covers tax fraud cases as far back as Nineteen Forty-four. Up to now, the drive has been top secret. The shake-downs are believed widespread, *As* Dunlap put it, Today: "Every time we follow one lead, we find another."

*R* In Washington, there's speculation is that this inquiry may lead to the most sensational tax scandals so far disclosed.

## STEEL STRIKE

~~late word~~ From Pittsburgh;- the hundred-  
and-seventy-man-wage-policy-committee of the C I O  
United Steel workers has ~~just~~ authorized union  
President Philip Murray to call a strike of the  
Steel Industry on New Year's Day. This follows  
wage negotiations, which have been going on since  
November twenty-sixty, with U S Steel. The Union  
is asking for an increase ranging up to fifteen cents  
an hour, and Murray says that, unless this demand is  
met by December Thirty-first, there will be a  
walkout in the entire industry. ~~Murray accused U S~~  
~~Federal Mediator Cyrus Chung~~  
~~Steel of failing to make a single solitary concrete~~  
~~is expected to summon leaders on~~  
~~proposal to the union's economic demands~~  
*both sides tomorrow and try and  
prevent the strike.*



## PAN AMERICAN STRIKE

President Truman has invoked the railway labor act in the strike against Pan American. Air transport <sup>comes</sup> ~~is~~ under the law regulating railroads - and its provisions apply to the walkout of ~~fifty~~ fifty-eight hundred stewards and ground workers. Which ~~is~~ automatically calls off the two-day old strike for sixty-days -- while a presidential fact finding board prepares a report.

Officials in Washington declare the labor trouble threatens to have a serious effect on the Korean airlift - since Pan American World Airways plays a large part in our communications with the Far Eastern war zone.

~~The~~ The company says it <sup>is</sup> ready to appear before the fact-finding board in what it calls -- an "illegal strike."

## CRASH

At Elizabeth, New Jersey, an investigation is underway following the crash of that C-46 non-scheduled airliner yesterday. The one that crumpled up, sending fifty-six to their death. Joseph Fluet, head of the New York offices of the Civil Aeronautics Board, says he does not believe the heating system was the cause of the disaster.

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## ATOMIC AIRPLANE

It's appropriate that we should have a number of aviation news items tonight for this is the Forty-Eighth Anniversary of man's first flight, in a heavier than air craft. For one, here is striking news:

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## AIRPLANE

At Windy, Kill Devil Hill, Kitty Hawk,  
North Carolina today, the giants of the aviation  
world turned out to celebrate the forty-eighth birthday  
of the airplane. The ceremonies ~~were~~ opened <sup>with a</sup>  
helicopter, <sup>dramatically and rising</sup> ~~which rose~~ vertically to the top of <sup>the</sup>  
<sup>five</sup> sixty-foot granite shaft <sup>that</sup> marking the site of the  
Wright's first experiment. Hovering <sup>there</sup> in mid-air,  
the pilot placed a wreath on the pinnacle to commemorate  
~~that~~ historic event. Overhead thundered shooting  
Stars and Thunder Jets, while a "Flying Box Car"  
scattered rose petals <sup>over</sup> ~~onto~~ the site <sup>as well as</sup> ~~and~~ over the  
heads of the crowd.

Amongst those watching <sup>was</sup> sixty-five year old  
Johnny Moore of Colington Island. It <sup>Johnny</sup> ~~was~~ Moore who  
helped the Wrights haul their ~~gr~~ fragile craft up the  
hill for that first flight -- the only living witness  
of the birth of modern aviation on its forty-eighth  
birthday.



## ADD WEATHER

Freak weather conditions are reported from Europe also. An airliner bringing the Mayor of West Berlin to Paris tonight made a blind landing at Paris airport in a dense fog. After a safe landing by instruments the airport ground staff were unable to locate the plane for more than two hours in the fog.

## ALASKA

News from Alaska - where, at Anchorage they have cut down the number of saloons. Anchorage is known as the "longest bar in the world." The main stem - the center of Anchorage - virtually one continuous line of bars. But now, the city council has issued a closing edict - against five saloons, two clubs and one liquor store, on grounds of -- poor sanitation and "excessive brawling". Alaska being Alaska, a reasonable amount of brawling is okay.

Anchorage at the head of Turnagain Arm, has some five or six thousand people; and among these hardy folks these closings will not produce any unbearable thirst. With the five bar-rooms now closed. Anchorage still has eighty-nine saloons left.

Well, Alaska was always famous for its bar-rooms - frontier style. In the days of the gold

rush, they were a wild and woolly legend. Today, Anchorage, is the boom city of the North -- where they whoop it up just as they did in the days of the golden bonanza. It is the present day center for military and Air Force activities in Alaska. A northern crossroads. Which accounts for <sup>all these</sup> ~~the~~ ~~five~~ saloons, even after the five rowdier ones have been closed. Eighty-nine still open where a reasonable amount of brawling is okay.



## ROBBERY

Chicago gives us a story of an industrious, laborious long-drawn out robbery. It happened last night at the office of an oil-supply-company. Details revealed today  $\Leftarrow$  how eight burglars worked for hours on a safe, taking prisoners all the while.

They walked in about nine P.M. and held up two mechanics on the job and a ~~nighxxxxx~~ night watchman, locking the three in a shed outside. Then they started cutting into the safe with an acetylene torch. Two wouldbe customers came in, and they were herded into the shed. At midnight, the crooks were still toiling at the safe, when the relief night watchman entered, and he joined the others in the shed.

It was five below in Chicago - and no heat in the shed outside. The prisoners were freezing and they complained so loudly - the robbers took them inside, where it was warm.



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Finally, they got the safe open, <sup>and</sup> made off

with eight thousand dollars - after working nearly  
all night.

## SCRANTON

Scranton, Pennsylvania, has an eight million dollar airport, which now is threatened with -- catastrophe. The reason is common enough in Pennsylvania -- but this is a climax.

That's coal<sup>mine</sup> country, and every so often an old-mine collapses - with a sinking of the ground above. <sup>well,</sup> The eight million dollar airport is located over <sup>some</sup> old-time shafts, and last week a fire broke out underground, threatening to burn out the <sup>huge</sup> pillars of coal supporting the roof of the mine. Which, in turn, would cause a huge cave-in -- engulfing the airport on the surface. Engineers are trying to figure out what to do about it.

## WEATHER

Good news ~~from~~ for skiers. From across the nation, reports are of freezing temperatures and the weather man forecasts heavy snowstorms, from Nebraska east to New York and the New England states. In Chicago, tonight's forecast is for ten below, ~~mm~~ and already Kansas, Nebraska, and elsewhere in the Middlewest we hear of up to six inches of new snow.

The South too is in the grip of bitter weather, with two people frozen to death on the streets of Atlanta, Georgia. And motorists are warned of southern highways coated with ice.

Today's coldest spot twenty-nine below at Rumford, Maine; with Bemigju, Minnesota and Concern, New Hampshire almost as cold. So it looks like a white Christmas for a large part of the continent.



## BELLS

England reports an odd sort of strike - a walkout of the bell-ringers of St. Andrews at the town of Swanwick. In the steeple of the church there they have a set of ancient, mellow chimes -- which require eight bell-ringers ~~in~~ hauling at the ropes.

The strike is because of an edict issued by the Vicar, who told the bellringers they'd also have to ~~attend~~ attend Church service. That caused the walk-out -- the bell-ringers claiming, I suppose -- that they'd get an earful of the clanging, without having to listen to a sermon as well.



## GLASS EYE

At South Bridge, Massachusetts, they are making - the biggest glass eye in the world. An optic for cyclops - who had one giant eye in the middle of his forehead. Or for Argos - who had one-hundred eyes. But this one <sup>s</sup>~~is~~ for -- a bull, literally and actually, a bull's eye.

In West Virginia, F. F. MacIntosh and son own a blue ribbon Hereford, a show bull intended to win prizes. Somehow, the animal lost an eye - and a one-eyed-bull would look odd in a livestock show. So an order was placed with the optical company in Massachusetts, for a glass eye - and the largest on record is needed. The optical company making, <sup>- Nelson -</sup> a glass eye for a one-eyed-bull.