

That Beria story is a puzzler. But there seems to be an individual, hidden away in some western country, who says he is Beria. And -- looks like Beria. But is he, really, the former Number Two man of the Kremlin triumvirate?

Yesterday the word emanated from the Senate Committee headed by McCarthy of Wisconsin - that Beria had fled from Russia, more than a month ago. His downfall was announced more than two months ago. Arrested, accused of treason. So he must have ~~escaped~~ escaped from a prison of the dread Secret Police, which he had previously commanded. That would certainly be a wonder.

The statement yesterday was that Beria was in contact with agents of the sub-committee headed by Senator McCarthy. Wanting to come to the United States -- and give information about Soviet Russia. Which Beria certainly would be able to do. Until his downfall, he directed Soviet atomic research.

But, if Beria wanted to contact the U.S.A. - why wouldn't he get in touch with our State Department or Central Intelligence? Instead -of a congressional sub-committee?

Several hours after that initial statement, the word from the sub-committee was - they were investigating to determine whether or not this individual was genuine. So what have we today?

Senator McCarthy now declares: "No paid member of my staff personally met this man." Apparently, it was all through intermediaries. "Originally", McCarthy adds, "I considered the report so fantastic that I did not even give other members of the sub-committee a report on it."

So what does the Senator think of it now? Today he stated: <sup>of course</sup> "I'm extremely interested to know if this is actually Beria. At the present time I am not convinced that it is." <sup>TP</sup> The whole thing may be a hoax.

BERIA-3

In New York, a still more remarkable story is told -- by millionaire Clendenin Ryan, who has been in the headlines with idealistic enterprises, from time to time. He says that he and several associates have had agents inside Soviet Russia for three years. Several million dollars invested in secret operations behind the Iron Curtain. One purpose -- to lay plans of action <sup>for</sup> when Stalin died.

They figured there would be an eruption in the Kremlin, in which high Soviet leaders would go the way of defeated politicians in the Red utopia. The Clendenin Ryan group - working to give them a way to escape, and bring out vital information. So, when Beria came to his downfall, they helped him to get out. At least, Ryan thinks it's Beria. *If it is that will be something.* The government in Washington is - highly skeptical. Government intelligence experts don't believe that Beria has been able to flee from Russia. They ~~ink~~ think it's a hoax.

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At the U N Vishinsky made an address today, calling for abolition of hydrogen bomb warfare. But the disarmament terms he proposed were - the same old stuff. A British spokesman says: "A negative, barren rehash." The General impression - like playing an old cracked phonograph record.

**EISENHOWER**

President Eisenhower declares - that no sacrifice for National Defense is too great, in the face of a threat of atomic attack. Speaking at a Republican rally in Boston, tonight, he described the Soviet System in these words: "An institution of slavery - elevated, now, to the awful dignity of a political philosophy, and inspired by the terrible ambition of world conquest."

## RED PLANE

Today's news pictures - one surprised American air base in Korea. They had no advance notice - of a north Korean pilot bringing in a Soviet built MIG.

*Apparently*  
He got through the radar screen at a Seoul flying field - without any warning.

The advent of this enemy jet was all the more unexpected, because long months ago had gone by - since General Mark Clark <sup>made that</sup> ~~had~~ offered <sup>of a</sup> ~~reward~~ reward of one hundred thousand dollars for the first Red pilot who would bring a MIG over to our side. Which had brought no result - until now.

A squadron of American Sabre Jets was taking off, when the MIG flew in - coming straight at them. One F-Eighty-Six which was taxiing, blew out a tire as the pilot made a hasty turn. He sure swung around fast - just missing a collision with that ~~same~~ on-coming jet.

The name of the deserting Red flyer is not made public - not officially. But newspapers in Seoul are identifying him as Captain Noh Keun Suk, of the North

Korean air force. He has been granted political asylum, and he gets - the hundred thousand dollars. Payment was authorized - by the Air Force in Washington today.

The MIG, all day long, was a focus of intense interest. Air Force Intelligence officers climbing all over it - examining every inch. (Previously, there had been a study in Europe -- of two MIGS flown to freedom by pilots of the Polish Air Force. But the word was that those planes were of a type less advanced than enemy jets flown in the Korean war. The MIG at the Seoul airport may be a newer type of Soviet aircraft. There's a report that it is; - but, that's not official.)

Nobody knows what will be done with the plane. Will it be handed back to the Reds? That question is not easy to answer. When General Clark offered the reward of a hundred thousand, the Korean war was still on. But, since then, the truce is in force. So how does that affect the status of the MIG?

Presumably, the Communists will demand it back.

Will a disruption of the armistice be threatened?

It's a puzzler. But one thing is sure. There'll be

a lot of negotiating <sup>about it - and that</sup> ~~which~~ <sup>plenty of</sup> will allow time for a

study of the jet plane built in Soviet Russia.

At Boston, a home-coming G I had to do some explaining. Master Sergeant Richard Artesani was greeted by a cheering crowd, when he got off the train at ~~the~~ South Station. His family was there, of course -- and they<sup>are</sup> are the ones who demanded the explanation.

The Sergeant was a prisoner-of-war -- liberated in the exchange at Pan Mun Jon.-- So, what had he done to annoy the folks at home? Well, it sounds rather heartless.

His brother wrote him a letter - and got an astonishing reply. "Don't send me any more letters", wrote the prisoner-of-war to his brother.

That's what the Sergeant had to explain - and here's the story:-

When he was put in the Red prison camp, he had to fill out a form - which called for a list of the members of his family, who they were, what they did, etcetera. The Sergeant was smart. He knew the ways of Communism. So he described his family as --

laborers, poor workers, members of the proletariat.

But then came that epistle from his brother - on a letter-head of the State Capitol in Boston. The brother - State Congressman Charles Artesani.

When the Reds noted that - they flung the Sergeant into a dungeon. Three months - in what he calls the "black hole". Punishment - for being the brother of an official in a capitalist government. When he got out, that was when he wrote his brother - "don't send any more letters."

Well, you can't blame him. Letters from home were fine - but not on the official stationery of the Massachusetts legislature.

**FLORENCE CHADWICK**

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In Spain today, Florence Chadwick was presented with an official certificate - attesting the record-breaking swim she made. Splashing across the straits of Gibraltar, in five hours and six minutes.

Back in the summer, the California stenographer established a record for swimming the English Channel. So now she's going to try the Dardanelles - swimming the Hellespont, an exploit famous ever since the days of classical antiquity.

The Channel, Gibraltar, <sup>and now</sup> the Dardanelles - <sup>swimming</sup> that would make it a grand slam, ~~of swimming~~.

## FLYING BOAT

More trouble - for the world's biggest airplane. The Howard Hughes flying boat - which has been in all sorts of controversy. Built, ten years ago, at a cost of many millions. Subject of a congressional investigation - in which multi-millionaire Howard Hughes made a headline appearance. So what's the trouble now?

A dispatch from Los Angeles relates that last Friday, the monster flying boat, called the Hercules, sustained five and a half million dollars' worth of damage - the news made public only today. The Hercules was in a combination drydock and hangar - when a sea wall broke, and a flood of water poured in. That enormous plane - hurled against nearby structures, crushing parts of it, and damaging nearly all of it.

A spokesman for Howard Hughes declares there were to have been tests next month - taxiing <sup>on</sup> the water, ~~in~~ then flying. (Now, say the engineers, it will take more than a year to repair the five and a

half million dollars' worth of damage.

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~~is~~ <sup>large</sup> sure ~~was~~ had a career of trouble. From  
Congressional investigation - to broken sea wall.)

## STORM

Wonderful weather - for Trans-Atlantic aviation, if you were flying - West to East! London reports airliners from New York - hours ahead of schedule.

The reason - a tail wind. A gale up to one-hundred-and-thirty miles an hour. Which certainly did push the planes along.

In Surrey, near London, the storm terrified a circus elephant - which was being taken to winter quarters. The pachyderm bolted in the howling gale, and went trumpeting up and down those picturesque highways and byways of Surrey.

**MAYOR**

In Minnesota - a mystery of disappearance. The Mayor of a suburb of Minneapolis called "Morningside" went hunting with two companions. They separated, scouting through the woods -- each to return to their automobile in twenty minutes. But Mayor Walter Anderson of Morningside never did return.

A search is on, with the local MN sheriff saying: "I don't see how a man could get lost in that area. It's XXXX bordered on two sides by roads and a creek runs along the other."

A small patch of woods - but the Mayor vanished in it.

## SURVIVOR

Fourteen survivors of a B-29 crash in the Atlantic told a thriller today - a thriller of sharks.

Airman James Henderson of Flushing, Michigan, relates how they were in the water, struggling to keep afloat, and he was near Sergeant Larry Greybill of Lansdowne, Pennsylvania - when the sharks came.

"There were a lot of them", says Henderson.

"And they kept circling us. I said to Greybill: "If they come near you, punch them in the snout". He says he had always heard - sharks can be intimidated, if you punch them in the nose.

Sounds like a heroic system; but, it worked, apparently. Greybill says he felt the nip of a shark's teeth. "So I took a poke at him, and got loose," relates the Sergeant.

Today, both men, landing in New York, wore bandages on their arms, where they had been slashed by sharks. And stung - by the Portuguese man-o-war, ~~the~~ poisonous jelly-fish. ~~You can't~~ punch ~~the~~ a jelly fish in the nose.