

FRANCE

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In France, Premier-Designate Schuman has abandoned his attempt to form a government. For four days he tried to line up a cabinet, but failed. So, France is still without a government -- after long days of political wrangling.

As a result, new elections may have to be held -- a prospect that causes anxious foreboding in Paris. Because <sup>the</sup> likelihood is that an election might result in a victory for General DeGaulle -- And, if DeGaulle were swept into power, nobody can guess what would happen. What the Communists would do, for example.

## BERLIN

(In Berlin, the four Generals had another conference today - and the optimistic symptoms continue. Increased activity among railroad officials and workers in the Soviet Zone -- Russians getting ready for a raising of their land blockade, apparently.) A Red Army newspaper predicted today that Soviet money would soon be the only currency in Berlin -- a thing that would come about with a settlement.

(One disturbing sign today was the seizure of the Berlin City Hall by Communists, <sup>who</sup> ~~he~~ took over and started an assembly of their own. The belief is that the German Reds, abetted by the Soviet authorities, are setting up a  $\times$  Red regime in the city -- which will claim to take the place of the present Berlin Assembly, which is non-Communist.)



Earlier today we had a remarkable report of an American B-29 flying towards the Soviet zone in Germany - nobody aboard, an abandoned plane. Tonight this has turned into a story of a ~~gx~~ ghost plane, a sort of specter of the skies.

From a whole series of places came the account of a superfortress that got into trouble over Germany and the crew took to parachutes -- leaving the B-29 to go flying on into the Soviet zone. However, American Air Headquarters, denies all this, and declares that it knows nothing of any abandoned B-29 flying in any direction.

One superfortress did crash today -- while participating in joint manoeuvres by British and American Air Forces. The big plane ~~was~~ caught fire, and crashed off the coast of the Netherlands -- after its crew had bailed out. That real event, possibly may be the origin of the story of the abandoned B-29 flying into the Soviet zone.

## BENES

( In Czechoslovakia tonight, they ~~are~~ are mourning former President Benes, who died today, at the age of sixty-four -- the people remembering him as a representative of their lost freedom. )

**A** In this country, the Czechoslovak national council of America ~~is~~ blamed the death of Benes on what it calls, "the totalitarian regime now ruling in Czechoslovakia."

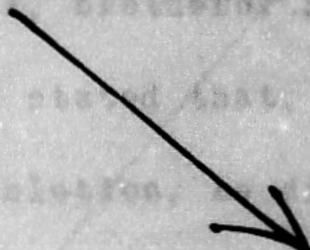
~~Charles T.~~ The former Czech Ambassador to the United States, Dr. Slavik, explains the passing of Benes, the liberal, in these words: "he was a tragic figure, because everything he fought for was destroyed in his lifetime."



## SUBSTITUTE LEAD CHURCH COUNCIL

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That resolution was framed by a committee that included American representatives. One of these was Charles P. Taft of Cincinnati, brother of Senator Taft of Ohio. Today Charles Taft stated that, while he approved of the committee resolution, he did not expect it to be adopted in exactly that form by the Council. He was absent when the council vote was taken.

So he's going to ask for a modification, and proposes that the resolution be altered to read ~~as follows~~: "The Christian Church should reject the ideology of Communism -- and the wholly self-regulated <sup>(lay-zay-fare)</sup> Laissez-affaire theory of extreme capitalism." In other words, a condemnation of unbridled capitalism



~~pure and simple~~ -- ~~and~~ not the modified capitalism that we have here in the United States. The brother of Senator Taft wants the Council of churches to define more precisely what is meant by -- capitalism.

The resolution adopted yesterday is also being criticized because, while condemning both Communism and capitalism, it does not suggest an alternative -- a middle ground. (Which is something that we, ourselves, can think about, exercising our own judgement.

One alternative, middle ground, between Communism and capitalism might be the kind of socialism they are trying out in England, state socialism, with full political liberty -- if it can be made to work out that way. (We Americans can readily see something else - the system that we seem to be ~~developing~~ developing here. That is, a national economy in which the principle of ownership is balanced off by the free collective bargaining of union labor, with the government as a regulating power.

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presiding.

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## DEMOCRATS

Democratic National Headquarters took strong action tonight, and received a strong reply. (The office of the Democratic National Chairman, Senator McGrath, demands the resignation of all national officers of the party who are not supporting the Truman - ~~Buzitt~~ Barkley ticket. That, of course, means the Dixiecrats of the south - ousted from the party.)

The answer to that is given by Governor Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, the candidate for President on the Dixiecrat ticket.

Reading the Dixiecrats out of the Democratic party is, in the words of ~~Strom~~ Thurmond "like the tail trying to throw the dog out of the kennel".



## WALLACE FOLLOW DEMOCRATS

AT Greensboro, Nc North Carolina,

S. G. Wilson, nineteen years old, pleaded guilty

to throwing an egg at Henry Wallace. Wilson's

aim was pretty good, because Wallace was hit by

the spattering egg. In court today Judge

Rm Earle Rives passed sentence. He gave Wilson

his choice between paying a fifty dollar fine,

and writing a quotation one hundred times. <sup>What quotation?</sup>

<sup>Why the</sup> famous saying of Voltaire, <sup>which is so often quoted.</sup> These words: "I disagree

with what you say, but I will defend to the death

your right to say it." <sup>R</sup> And between the two

penalties the Nineteen year old youth preferred

the latter, and ~~the~~ at last reports was busy

writing over and over, one hundred times, that

most famous of all declarations, of freedom of

speech -- all because he threw an egg at Henry

Wallace.

## SUBSTITUTE HURRICANE

Events in the Gulf of Mexico last night shows that a hurricane can be a mighty sudden thing. During the ~~xxxx~~ hours of darkness a tropical storm boiled up with abrupt violence, starting on its way.

All day long the circular wind kept increasing, travelling northward in the direction of New Orleans. Tonight the center of the storm is two-hundred-and-ten miles southwest of the mouth of the Mississippi - its path tonight shifting away from New Orleans. The hurricane is expected to hit ~~Maagantun~~ Morgantown City, Louisiana, some time before noon, tomorrow -- New Orleans to get a lashing of the winds on the outer edge of the revolving tempest.



## VOLCANO

Tonight <sup>- a</sup> cataclysm of nature in the sea of Mindanao, the Philippines. There's an island called Camiguin, and on the island is a lofty peak, Mount Hibok. A volcano - which is in ~~xxxx~~ stupendous eruption tonight. For three days, the fire mountain has been bursting with mighty explosions of flame and lava, and now the eruption is at a climax.

Camiguin had a population of seventy thousand - ~~on that~~ <sup>on that</sup> island <sup>that</sup> is now a scene <sup>like the</sup> ~~of a~~ inferno. Today multitudes were escaping in a wild exodus - getting out to sea by whatever means they could. The Philippine Government sent ships. Boats of every sort were mobilized - for the population fleeing the volcano.

For many years Mount Hibok was a quiet, sleepy volcano - its last eruption seventy-seven years ago. But on Wednesday disturbances began. There were earthquakes on the island, shocks extending across to the ~~much~~ much larger island of Mindanao. There were rock-falls and landslides, and Hibok roared out a blast

of fire, smoke and lava - with volcanic ashes raining out of the sky. Today the island presented all the classic scenes of a fitful volcanic fury - scenes made famous by the historic eruptions of Vesuvius, the destruction of Pompeii.

This afternoon a United Press correspondent in the Philippines flew over by airplane. He describes the volcano as hurling a vast column of white smoke rising to eight thousand feet. Little could be seen below, the entire island covered by a dense cloud of smoke and volcanic dust.

The Philippines are having trouble with the forces of tropical nature. This week a typhoon ripped across Central Luzon, and side-swiped Manila - the tropical storm causing havoc and huge damage, as it swept in from the Pacific and blasted across the Philippines to the China Sea. Now followed by the typhoon, the blowing up of Camiguin Island, the eruption of Mount Hibok.



G.I.

In Birmingham, England, court proceedings went on today in the case of Edson Charles Worcester, the ex-G.I. who is on trial for making threats against Norma Margaret Shreeve and her relatives. The former American soldier went to England to court the young lady, and was rejected. Whereupon he wrote menacing letters, threatening to kill her and her family. which would seem to be love and romance in a violent form. He is being tried under a law passed in the Fourteenth Century for what that ancient statute calls - "blemishing the peace."

The principal witness today was ~~Norma~~ Norma Margaret Shreeve herself, twenty years old and good looking. Under questioning by learned counsel, she stated that she had written affectionate letters to Edson Charles Worcester when he was a G.I. in Germany. "He asked me to, and he was a soldier and lonely," she testified, bursting into tears.

She was asked further - had she visited the former American soldier in his prison cell earlier this

week? And - did she kiss him?

She said, "yes," explaining: "he asked me to, and I did it." No better reason, I suppose.

The ~~trial~~ trial is a sensation in England, and the tenor of the testimony today would seem to indicate that the ex-G.I. had some encouragement for his violence of love and romance, which the British call - "blemishing ~~the~~ the peace."

## NUDE.

Tonight the police in Washington are pondering over the case of the woman in the brown dress. She created a remarkable sensation today at the ~~sp~~ capitol building, that stately edifice which is the seat of the Congress of the United States. The lady in the ~~hm~~ brown dress has given an explanation for what she did, but that's almost as astonishing as her singular conduct.

Things were quiet in the capitol building today, and in the library of the Senate, Walter Linscott was working patiently at his job. He's a bookbinder, and ~~that takes a patient kind of man. Walter Linscott is~~ small, elderly and mild. ~~He imagines his astonishment at what proceeded to happen.~~

Glancing out of a window, he saw the lady in the brown dress - about thirty, <sup>and</sup>, shapely. He was surprised to see her ~~thx~~ there because the space outside the window is a section of roof at the foot of the capitol dome -- that majestic dome which is like a symbol of American government.

Walter <sup>f</sup>inscott went to the window, and asked the



lady in the brown dress what she was doing there. She replied - she was going to take a sunbath. Whereupon she took off her clothes, ~~she stripped off~~ everything. And now she was the lady-out of the brown dress. The ~~admirer~~ elderly bookbinder was astonished no end. There she was, stretched out ~~ix~~ in the brilliant sunlight of a clear day in Washington, ~~ixix~~ while - above her loomed the grandiose dome of the capitol.

He went out onto the roof, and remonstrated with her, saying - that was no place to take a sunbath. Her only reply was to reach for her handbag, take out ~~xxxx~~ powder, lipstick and mirror, and fix her face.

~~He begged her to put on her clothes, but her only response was to get up, go to the railing at the end of the roof, and ~~xxxx~~ toss overboard some things she had in her handbag - including a few coins. But never a move in the direction of her clothing, the brown dress. She merely went back sunbathing.~~

Walter Linscott, the bookbinder, is a man of forbearance and long suffering, but his patience became

exhausted. - After some more futile expostulation, *and without undo haste, he* went inside and phoned the capitol police

Pretty soon two brawny patrolmen arrived, guardians of the sancity of the American Congress. They picked up where Walter Linscott had left off - and won a half success, an indecisive victory. They persuaded the lady to come inside, into the Senate ~~Library~~ Library - but they couldn't get her to put on her clothes. The two capitol ~~police~~ policemen argued in vain. - They were baffled.

Then along came a painter, who ~~had been working on a paint job in the corridor. He looked, was told what was going on, and~~ immediately solved the problem. *By giving* ~~You may think he went ahead and gave,~~ the lady a coat of paint? - ~~but~~ Not at all. He simply took her clothes and put them on her, getting her back into the brown dress. - *It* worked. Neither the bookbinder nor the capitol policemen had thought of that. The painter must be a man of <sup>*some*</sup> experience.

So now she was the lady in the brown dress all

over again, and they took her to a hospital, where she was questioned. Why did she do it? She gave a puzzling answer. She said she was from up-state New York, and had come to Washington to get a job in the government, that was why. Surely a strange way to get a job from Uncle Sam -- subathing a la natural at the foot of the capitol dome. Bathing -- huh! Seems an appropriate cue for you, Jay.