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Good Evening Everybody:

Today, the State Department made an official reply to a threat broadcast by the Chinese Red radio. The Communists issued a warning that a liberation of the anti-Communist prisoners-of-war might - "destroy the Korean truce." Which sounds like a strong hint that the Reds - might renew the war.

To this, the State Department replies - that the anti-Communist prisoners will be turned loose according to schedule. January twenty-third the date named by the armistice.

The belief is that the Communists will not resume hostilities in Korea. A spokesman in Washington stating - that the Reds will probably do everything

possible to stir up trouble in the prisoner-of-war camps between now and January twenty-third. But - will stop short of actually renewing the war.

The Indian custodians have announced that they will hand the prisoners back to the forces which captured them.

**BERLIN.** The word from Berlin is that - we'll concede. We'll accept the Soviet insistence - that half of the meetings of the Foreign Ministers shall be held in East Berlin, the Communist area. Half - in West Berlin, our sector.

In the preliminary negotiations, the Western Allies wanted three-fourths of the meetings to be held in West Berlin. One-fourth in East. There was a deadlock on that point - the negotiators referring the question back to their governments.

Today, the word was that the Western powers would concede the point. So that the meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Big Four can start on schedule - ten days from today.



**TRADE.** The Administration - so far - refuses a permit to the Minnesota businessman who wants to make a barter deal with Soviet Russia. Duane Andreas of Mankato, Minnesota - proposing to trade American butter and cottonseed oil for Soviet gold and manganese. He - to purchase the surplus food products from the U. S. government.

Three thousand tons of government butter - at less than fifty cents a pound. Housewives are paying seventy-five cents a pound at the grocery store.

Today Secretary of Commerce Weeks declared: "We're not going to have the American housewife pay any material amount more for butter than anyone else."

But he refused to say whether or not the government would approve a barter deal with Soviet Russia - if the Minnesota business man should offer a better price.



AIR\_FORCE. Two guided missile squadrons are going to Germany this year. Air Force units - equipped with Martin Matadors. The Matador is a pilotless bomber, with a jet engine. We are not informed about the kind of warhead it carries, but it's presumably atomic.

Guided missiles - with A-Bombs. The two squadrons have been in operation at U. S. Air Fields for some time, and are now - the first guided missile units to go to Europe. In line with that Eisenhower policy of using new weapons to bolster West European defenses. And - reduce the number of American soldiers needed over there

AIR FORCE ACADEMY. A Congressional Committee, today, voted unanimously - for an Air Force Academy. A bill to put up money for an Air Force version of the Army's West Point and the Navy's Annapolis. A school for training aviation officers, along the lines of the cadets and the middies.

The Air Force has wanted this for a long time, and now the bill makes a successful start on it's way through Congress. However, there's a hitch - economy. The bill calls for twenty-six million dollars - to start with. But the Appropriations Committee of the House indicates that, probably - not more than five million will be available.

Same old story - it's a great idea, but where is the money?

UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES. The Committee on Un-American activities exploded in a violent uproar today - a battle between Committee members. The Chairman, Congressman Velde of Illinois, blasted by Republican Congressman Kearney of New York and Democratic representative Walter of Pennsylvania.

The cause of the argument - the firing of Committee Investigator Louis J. Russell. Velde dismissed him. Kearney and Walter say - there was an agreement that this should be decided by a sub-committee of three. Themselves - and Chairman Velde.

But Velde acted on his own - to cover up "embarrassing mistakes" they say. Like the charge made against Mrs. Eugene Meyer, wife of the Chairman of the Board of the Washington Post. That - she was pro-Communist. Also the attack on Protestant Clergymen, accused of pro-Communism. Bishop Bromley Oxman of



the Methodist Church, for example, Matters "most embarrassing", according to Congressman Walter.

The statement is that the staff of the Committee on Un-American activities is - "shot with jealousy and back biting."

McCARTHY. Two members of the faculty at Harvard admit - they once were Communists. Professor Wendell Furry and Instructor Leon Kamin. Both, however, refuse to identify other Communists in an alleged Red party cell. Saying - they do not wish to become political "informers". So they are now threatened with citations for contempt of Congress.

Senator McCarthy of Wisconsin questioned Furry today - the Professor stating that he was recruited into the Communist Party at Harvard, in nineteen thirty-eight. During the war he was employed on a Radar project at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology - where he says "about a half a dozen" Communists worked with him.

Instructor Kamin testified that he was a Communist Party Member, on and off - from nineteen forty-three to nineteen fifty. At one time - a paid writer contributing to The Daily Worker.

CONGRESSIONAL SALARIES. The word in Congress is that the legislators will vote themselves a raise - but not as much as the Administration proposes.

The White House mentions a hike of fifteen thousand dollars a year for members of the Senate and the House. Arguing - they need it. And, if they don't get it, Congressional services might be limited to people of independent wealth or outside earnings. The raise would boost Congressional salaries from fifteen thousand to twenty-seven thousand, five hundred a year.

The lawmakers like the hike all right, but they wonder what the voters would think - this being election year. So indications are that they are likely to cut the figure, and give themselves a raise - but not as much as the White House proposes.



DEWEY. Governor Dewey has named a special investigator to look into racketeer scandals in a labor union connected with harness racing. Insurance racketeering - the labor leaders looting the "Health and Welfare Fund" of their own Union.

This grows out of the murder of Thomas J. Lewis, head of a union of raceway employees. An inquiry reveals that the "Health and Welfare Fund" was gyped and swindled out of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, under the cover of "Administrative Expenses."

The special investigator named by the Governor is New York Attorney Sol Gelb, who was an assistant to Tom Dewey when he was a young racket-buster prosecuting the alliance of politics and the underworld.

TELEVISION. At Blue Point, New York, the face is on the television screen again. Same face, same singer. Francey Lane, but smiling, this time.

More than a month ago, the news was telling of a strange thing that happened in the household of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Travers. No matter what program they had on their TV set - the ghostly face remained on the screen. It scared the kids, and was a nuisance all around. So they put the misbehaving set in the basement, and left it there.

Yesterday, however, they brought it back up into the living room, to entertain a small daughter, who was ill. Today, everything was okay, until Mama heard the kids call out, "There's that face again".

Well Singer Francey Lane was on her TV program as usual - and, as before, her face remained on the screen in the Travers household after the program was

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over. That set seems to be in love - with Francey Lane

Electronic engineers explain that it's all because of an "explosion" of electrons in the television tube. Which burn Francey Lane's face into the phosphorescent coating. But none of the experts can elucidate why those electron explosions burn in only the face of Francey Lane.



GHOST. In England, Psychic experts are investigating - the strangest ghost of all. A most modern sort of spook - nothing ancient or traditional. A blonde with lots of shape - and lipstick. Who is accompanied by a bald headed man - a ghostly sugar daddy.

The Birmingham Psychic Research Society is astonished. The Secretary, Bernard Payne, states: "This is a most unusual case. Ghosts normally appear flat and transparent. But," he goes on, "this blonde seems to appear quite well proportioned, she's well made up, too." Shape and lipstick.

The spectral blonde and sugar daddy haunt an old inn - the Jolly Cobblers. The family running the inn, all ten of them - are unanimous. Every one - having seen those most modern of spooks.

Arthur Westwood, eighteen years old, tells how, at night, the blonde appeared, and pulled him out

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of bed. "The bald headed man," said Arthur, "just stood by and watched with a benevolent smile."

All this, at the Town of Dudley, has created excitement among the British Spiritualists, and the Birmingham Phychic Research Society is now sending a team of eight ghost hunters, they'll keep a watch at night. Waiting for the appearance of that weirdest of ectoplasm - the blonde, complete with shape, lipstick, and sugar daddy.

CAVE MAN. From the world of science we hear of a discovery made - in the cave-man capital of the world. That's a section of Southern France, richer than any place else, in the remains of the stone age - palaeolithic man.

Archeologists from Harvard have been digging there, and now announce, they've picked up the trail of an immense deposit of stone hatchets, human fossils, implements of bone, and the remains of prehistoric animals. All - buried deep under a village farmhouse and a barn, the dwelling of a French peasant family.

Some twenty-five thousand years ago, men of the Stone Age had a settlement there, under - a "rock shelter." The cave man did not always live in a cave, but often made his home at the base of an over-hanging cliff, for shelter against the elements. That was the case in the Valley of the Vezere River.



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The Harvard archeologists have been finding treasures of prehistoric relics. The distribution being such as to indicate - that the main settlement was where the peasant family now have their farmhouse and barn. They are willing to sell their property. Thereby paving the way for new discoveries - in the Cave Man capital of the world.

COWS. The experts of the Department of Agriculture give us a study - in faces. The lady's face? No, the cow's face. They've discovered that you can look bossy in the face, and tell - how much milk she'll give.

Experts of the Agricultural Research Administration have made a study of - nine hundred and fifty thousand cows. Measurements, analysis, graphs and charts. Corelating the figures with - milk production. They find that a cow with a long face is likely to give more milk, than a cow with a short face.

So it's all a question of - the Bovine Physiognomy. The cow, of course, does not give milk with her face, but you can tell from the length of Bossy's features. Harry - you just look a cow in the face.