

STRIKE

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From Washington we hear that the Secretary of Labor is planning to intervene in the General Motors strike. A special assistant to Secretary Schwellenbach conferred today with union leaders, in preparation for government intervention ~~■~~ to end the huge strike that has paralyzed the operation of the greatest industrial concern in the country - General Motors.

CHINA

From China we have a reiteration of the report that Soviet Russia will not help the Chinese Reds in Manchuria. A dispatch from Chungking states that Moscow has assured Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek that, in accordance with the Soviet-Chinese agreement, the Red Army will do nothing to interfere with the advance of the Chiang Kai-Shek Forces against the Chinese Reds in Manchuria.

## JAVA

In Java the Premier of the unrecognized Indonesian republic refused today to take part in a peace conference with Dutch and British officials. The conference had been called for tonight in an effort to stop the heavy fighting that is going on all over Java. The Indonesian attitude is that they are willing to talk with the British, but they won't have anything to do with the Dutch - who are trying to re-establish their control over Java.

## INDIAN RIOTS

Tonight the city of Calcutta in India is in a state of tension and violence - after a day of disturbance and rioting. Hindu crowds jammed the streets, with a hundred thousand joining in angry demonstrations. A strike tied up street car and bus transportation. Mobs forced passengers to get out, and the police, when they tried to intervene, were attacked with showers of bricks. Barricades were forced by storming crowds. The police were compelled to fire on the raging mobs, and at last reports the casualties were four killed and seventy-five wounded.

The cause of the riots was something extraordinary, something that probably could occur only in India. The mobs were demonstrating in protest against the trial of officers of what is called "The traitor army". What traitor Army? For an answer we have ■■ one of the amazing stories of the recent war.

When the British captured Rangoon<sup>2</sup> the capital of Burma, a party of enemy troops in the city

proposed negotiations - to arrange terms. They were not Japanese. They were Indian troops, former soldiers of the British Indian Army. They had been captured in Malaya, Singapore, Burma, and had been recruited for the Japs by the ~~Indian Traitor~~ <sup>violently anti-British Indian leader,</sup> Subhas Chandra Bose.

Their commander in Rangoon had been appointed a major General by Bose. Now, quite coolly, they wanted to discuss arrangements for re-establishing British control in Rangoon. Gall and cheek - but the British were faced with a peculiar problem, and ordinary rules did not apply.

The time was when the name of Subhas Chandra Bose was linked with that of Mahatma Gandhi in the leadership of the Indian nationalists. Bose was at one time President of the all-India-Congress <sup>- which is a political</sup> ~~and~~ <sup>party.</sup> ~~And he was~~ Mayor of Calcutta. He broke with Gandhi on questions of policy in the Indian movement for independence - Gandhi a moderate, Bose an extremist, a reckless firebrand.

In Nineteen Forty, with the war raging in Europe, a charge of sedition was brought against Bose. He got away, the report being that he escaped from Calcutta dressed as a woman. He was able to make his way to Nazi Germany, and there he remained until Pearl Harbor and the war in the Pacific.

Then he appeared in Singapore, after that great naval base had been captured by the Japs. He probably got to Singapore in a German submarine, Hitler sending a useful agent to his far eastern ally.

In Singapore, Bose set up ~~him~~ shop as the head of a puppet government of India. The Japs had captured hosts of prisoners in Malaya and Burma, most of <sup>whom were</sup> ~~these~~ troops of the British Indian Army. From among the <sup>al</sup> prisoners of war, Bose recruited some seventy-five thousand for the Army of his Jap-sponsored puppet government.

When the war took its <sup>final</sup> swift turn out there and the Japs lost Burma, Bose retired with the enemy forces, accompanied by his <sup>turn-coat</sup> ~~traitor~~ army, which

now numbered some forty-five thousand. The surprising thing was that he left a force of these in Rangoon to await the arrival of the British. You'd think the traitor troops would be the last who would want to remain behind.

The explanation they gave to the British was that they had been left to protect the Indian community against the native Burmese. Some three hundred thousand natives of India were in Rangoon, and the Burmese hated them.

Anyway, it was obvious that the troops of the traitor army didn't think that anything much would happen to them - although western military law might well proscribe mass executions. But the East

is still the East, *and the British are realists. They've been running an empire a long while.* TP After Japan surrendered, the British

captured the remainder of <sup>*Bose's*</sup> ~~the traitor~~ army, ~~recruited~~  
~~by Subhas Chandra Bose, and this completed what~~  
~~amounted to a difficult dilemma.~~ Subhas Chandra Bose, himself, is regarded by millions in India as something

of a national hero. Although a traitor leader, <sup>in the eyes of the</sup> ~~he has~~  
<sup>British Raj, he had</sup> not lost his prestige. The Indian Troops who followed  
him, and helped the Japs, <sup>— they</sup> are considered patriots by all  
extreme Indian nationalists.

The British, of course, have had to ~~go~~  
do something about punishment. The word from India  
has been that for most of the soldiers of the <sup>turn-coat</sup> ~~traitor~~  
Army the penalty would be little or nothing at all - but  
the British did ~~xm~~ put the traitor officers on trial.  
And that has provoked the <sup>present</sup> wild outbreak in Calcutta.



~~As for Japan, we are told that one of~~

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the few buildings in Tokyo that came through the bombing with very little damage was the Tokyo Bible House. There, ~~xx~~ all through the war, a group of Japanese Christian scholars were working on an important task - comparatively undisturbed by the bombs.

For some years it had been realized that the Japanese version of the Old Testament needed revision. The books of Moses, the Psalms, and the Prophets had been translated into the language of Nippo<sup>n</sup> years ago, and now the translation needed an overhauling. So all through the war, that group of Japanese Christian scholars in the Tokyo Bible house worked at the learned task of revising the Japanese version of the Old Testament.

Here are some notes on an interesting subject - the Bible. Of course, I know the sacred scriptures are often made dull and tedious - and I've always thought that this was remarkable, because the New Testament and <sup>the</sup> ~~old~~ provide some of the most fascinating reading in the world.

From this Thanksgiving Day to Christmas, a campaign for world-wide Bible reading is on, with this coming Sunday designated as "Universal Bible Sunday".

The notes that I've ~~xxx~~ received in comment refer to those recent enemy countries - Germany and Japan, both of which could be benefitted greatly by some earnest reading of <sup>the</sup> ~~sacred xxx~~ scripture. <sup>5</sup>  
~~And~~ they are being given the opportunity <sub>1</sub>

The American Bible Society informs ~~me~~ me that during the coming year Germany is to be supplied with a million Bibles and two and a half million New Testaments. This, will help to fill ~~me~~ one of the worst of the shortages in the land formerly ruled by the Nazis -- a shortage of the Christian spirit.

## NUREMBURG

Revelations were made at the Nuremburg war criminal trial today. Secret documents of the Nazi government were read - and these showed that Hitler, during the first period of Nazi power, was afraid of being overthrown. The Brown shirt dictator advised his fellow Nazis that they would have to go slowly - for fear of popular reaction. For example, Hitler refrained from abolishing the Reichstag. The thing he feared was a ~~xxx~~ general strike led by the communists. That, he thought, might overthrow him.

And, at the trial of the big shot Nazi war criminals, there was a disclosure about the ferocious Nazi blood purge in Nineteen Thirty-four. Secret documents indicate that the orgy of murder was instigated by <sup>Heinrich</sup> Himmler, so infamous as chief of the Gestapo. Himmler convinced Hitler that his old pal, Ernst Roehm, head of the Nazi Storm Troopers, was planning a putsch against <sup>der</sup> ~~the~~ Feuhrer. Hitler was persuaded and told Himmler and Goering to suppress Roehm and his supporters. This they did with wholesale killing.

## GREECE

Greece has a new government as a cabinet headed by Themistocles Sophoulis an eighty-six year old liberal. He and his list of ministers are acceptable to the British and Americans, but they face a tough job in trying to establish harmony in faction-torn Greece.

The Royalist Party is in bitter opposition to the new cabinet. They want a Plebescite on the return of King George to Greece, a Plebescite that has been postponed for three years. The exiled King himself has protested against this -- and the ructions led to the resignation of Archbishop Damaskinos as Regent. The Archbishop, however, has since reconsidered his resignation.

# ATOMIC BOMB

The British House of Commons today began a debate on the Atomic Bomb. Parliament is having a full discussion of British Foreign policy, which, at the moment, virtually means -- Atomic policy.

Prime Minister Attlee led off in the debate, and stated that the problem included the whole business of secret weapons -- not merely the Atomic variety. He said that science is likely to develop all sorts of new implements of destruction, and these should be included in any plan to put the Atomic Bomb under world control.

Attlee stated that before Great Britain will consent to any scheme to share the Atomic secret, Britain wants the assurance of being given the secret of new weapons -- that other nations may have -- quid pro ~~quo~~ quo.

*The operation at Buckingham Palace was performed by His Majesty the King and the young Princesses Margaret Rose sitting next the apparatus.*

MARGARET ROSE

There were agitated hours last night at a stately residence in London, Buckingham Palace. Princess Margaret Rose was taken ill suddenly - and immediately ~~immediately~~ operated on for appendicitis. The younger daughter of King George and Queen Elizabeth had shown no sign of illness - and the attack of appendicitis was as unexpected as it was sudden.

On Monday and Tuesday nights Margaret Rose and her elder sister, Princess Elizabeth, went to the theatre with friends, Yesterday the two girls accompanied their grandmother, <sup>the</sup> Dowager Queen Mary, on a visit to the Petroleum Exhibit at the Imperial War Museum in London. Margaret Rose was tripping about in blithe and carefree style -- then suddenly the agonizing symptoms of appendicitis.

The operation at Buckingham Palace was performed by Sir Lancelot Barrington Ward, <sup>K.C.B., K.C.M.G. et cetera</sup> surgeon to <sup>His Majesty the King and so on -</sup> ~~the King~~ and today the young Princess was reported to be getting along okay - <sup>Princess Margaret Rose getting over the appendicitis.</sup>

## EISENHOWER

There was one eminent citizen who should have spent Thanksgiving Day in bed -- General Eisenhower. But he didn't. The Chief of Staff has a heavy cold, so bad that the doctor told him to stay under the covers.

But a Congressional Committee was holding a special \* Thanksgiving Day session on the subject of UNRRA ~~was~~ considering the bill to put up an appropriation of a billion, three-hundred-and-fifty-million dollars for relief and rehabilitation in Europe. General Eisenhower was scheduled to be a witness, and he insisted on appearing -- in spite of doctor's orders. That's how much he thinks of the necessity of helping the people of Europe through a cold and ~~hungry~~ hungry winter.

Today he strongly urged the Committee to appropriate the money for UNRRA -- as a means of promoting peace and security.

## PRESIDENT

How would you like to be President -- and lose a hundred thousand dollars in four years? We hear that President Truman will be that large amount in the red by the time he finishes his term as President.

This White House financial calculation is given in an article in Collier's magazine, an article by former White House Press Secretary Johathan Daniels. He provides the figures for a fact we've always known -- that the Presidential salary of seventy-five thousand dollars a year is not enough to meet the costs that pile up on citizen number one.

The former White House Press Secretary points out that the income tax takes forty-six thousand dollars a year of Harry Truman's salary. His home state, Missouri, gets a thousand dollars <sup>of it</sup> in taxes. White House expenses run about twenty-five thousand dollars a year. That leaves <sup>a balance of</sup> three thousand dollars for a whole series of personal expenses that the President must incur -- one of which is a contribution to the Democratic Party. These pile up in such fashion that, by the time four years roll



around, the President is bound to be in the red to the tune of a hundred thousand.

As he himself has made clear, Harry Truman has no private fortune -- little money of his own. In this he differs from his two immediate predecessors. Both Presidents Roosevelt and Hoover were wealthy men when they went into the White House. Herbert Hoover never even accepted any salary from Uncle Sam while he was in the White House. The only President in history to give his salary back to the country. Before that, Calvin Coolidge had no fortune, but he made it a business to be ~~xxx~~ thrifty and make ends meet in the White House; and the income tax, back in the Halcyon days of the Twenties, didn't cut into Cal Coolidge's Presidential pay the way it does into Harry Truman's. So the President will have to go deeply in the red, and he has no private fortune.

One wonders mildly -- where will he get the hundred thousand? One wonders also why the richest nation on earth doesn't pay its President a living wage.

## VITAMINS

The vitamin fans are going to have some more fun - they will be able to dose themselves with still another vitamin. This new one has just been discovered - by medical scientists of Vanderbilt University in Tennessee. It is said to be akin to folic acid in the liver. I don't know what folic acid is, though I suppose I have a liver -- and therefore folic acid. Anyway, the new vitamin is a cure for a disease called Sprue, <sup>- not sprue, sprue.</sup> I don't know what sprue is either, not having it - I hope. They say it occurs in tropical countries, including our own South, Dixieland. ~~and~~ <sup>That</sup> sprue is much like Pellagra - if you know what Pellagra is.

So there's the latest for the vitamin fans, something on which they can dose up enthusiastically, to keep from getting Sprue, <sup>and to keep</sup> ~~if you want to keep~~ spry. ~~don't get Sprue.~~

And Hugh, would you by any chance have anything to say about how to make our cars spry?