

KASHMIR

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Word from India tonight is that Governor General Earl Mountbatten and Premier Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru of the Dominion of India are trying urgently to stop the war that's raging in the great Indian state of ~~the~~ Kashmir. Mountbatten and Nehru are holding conferences ~~sixty~~ with Mohammed Ali Jinnah, Governor General of Pakistan. The understanding is that tomorrow they'll present ~~the~~ Ali Jinnah with a compromise for a settlement in Kashmir.

(The military situation in that beautiful vale of Kashmir shows an Army of fanatical Moslems in the process of being surrounded by soldiers of the <sup>Delhi Hindu</sup> government <sup>of</sup> ~~Hindu~~ India and troops of the <sup>a</sup> Kashmir Maharajah. The trouble, of course, stems from the fact that the Maharajah is a Hindu, while the majority of the people of Kashmir are Moslems - a paradoxical situation.) The Maharajah's government has decided to join Kashmir to Hindu India, while the Moslem majority want to join Mohammed <sup>and</sup> Pakistan. The Moslem forces in the war that has begun consist largely of fierce Afridi tribesmen the

most fanatical of Mohammedans, who invaded the vale of Kashmir, from their wild hills in the region of Khyber Pass.

Tonight the Kashmir government states that the Moslems plotted a conspiracy to overthrow ~~the~~ Maharajah Sir Hari Singh. The uprising was planned for Sunday, and the conspirators were so sure of success that they had already scheduled - a victory parade. We are told that they had sent an invitation to Moslem leader Ali Jinnah of Pakistan to attend the victory parade. Pakistan is accused of having connived with the plotters - but the scheme failed.

It looks as if the whole thing might be settled peaceable, with the government of Hindu India announcing its intention to let the people of Kashmir decide by a vote which dominion they want to belong to - Hindustan or Pakistan.

## FRANCE

There was an outbreak of trouble in Paris this afternoon - when Communists mobilized to break up a meeting of followers of DeGaulle. This followed a declaration in the Chamber of Deputies by Premier Ramadier, who predicted violence between the Reds and DeGaulle's right wing supporters.

Ramadier, the Socialist moderate, is holding on in the face of the election day victory won by DeGaulle's "reunion of the French people." DeGaulle now heads the most powerful political group in France, with the Communists maintaining their own strength in the election. The moderate party losing out, France dividing into extreme opposites, ~~the~~ DeGaullists on one side, and Communists on the other. <sup>Today</sup> Ramadier <sup>^</sup> hurled his defiance at both sides, calling both <sup>the</sup> Reds and the DeGaulle people enemies of the Republic. He declared that the sharp division into extremes, with <sup>a</sup> minimum of moderates, <sup>to bring</sup> threatened France to violence and Civil War.

His prediction of violence was promptly borne out. A member of the Chamber of Deputies, who sides

with DeGaulle, promptly called a meeting of supporters of the reunion of French people. The Communists immediately countered by summoning forces of Reds to break it up.

The government responded with strong measures to preserve order - sending <sup>both gendarmes and the Mobile</sup> ~~strong forces~~ ~~police and soldiers~~

<sup>Guard</sup> to the place where the meeting was to be held.

A thousand DeGaulists gathered in a hall.

Fifteen thousands Reds mobilized outside. ~~They~~ tried to break the police lines, ~~and~~ fighting started. Communists ripped up paving stones near the Arc De Triomphe and bombarded the police, ~~among~~ among whom a number ~~was~~ were injured by the flying stones. Whereupon a charge was ~~launched~~ launched against the rioting crowds - the ~~police~~ police, supported by soldiers, beating back the mob with clubs.

Everybody was driven off the street, and Communists were not the only ones ~~to be~~ clubbed. News photographers got it too, and in the news dispatch I note that two ~~cameramen~~ <sup>cameramen</sup> of Movietone newsreel <sup>cameramen</sup> were beaten, I hope my old friend Russell Muth, who runs Movietone

~~affairs in Paris was not in the forecast~~ when the Premier's prediction of violence was borne out so promptly.

## TURKEY

In all the confusions and complexities of the international scene, there's one country in which developments of top ranking importance have been going on and these have been little noticed on this side of the Atlantic. Turkey is being transformed - its political system changed over into a liberal constitutional regime. ~~Now~~ Under the Truman policy <sup>we are</sup> ~~we're~~ investing millions in Turkish freedom, seeking to enable that all-important country of the Near East ~~to exist~~ resist totalitarian aggression. Hence, we Americans have an important stake in the Turkish transformation.

All this is related in an article by Max Thornburg, released by the North American newspaper Alliance. Max Weston Thornburg is an American of twelve years' intimate experience in the Near East. Recently, he conducted a survey of economic affairs in Turkey, this in behalf of the Twentieth Century fund which is an American endowed foundation for research on economic questions. ~~I happen to know how thoroughly Max Weston Thornburg went into the study of conditions in~~

Turkey. He took over a staff of investigators, who traveled the country from one end to another, and made detailed reports on such matters as agriculture, manufacture<sup>s</sup>, resources, standard of living, <sup>education, and so on.</sup> ~~One of~~ those who went to Turkey on the economic survey job was my son Lowell Jr., and he tells me a good deal about the way they worked. In fact, Max Thornburg, as an American confabulating with Turkish leaders, was influential in the political transformation that has been going on. <sup>TP</sup> So what's the change in Turkey?

~~was~~ It all takes us back to Mustapha Kemal Ataturk - who after the last war, created the present day Turkish state amid the ~~at~~ ruins of the ottoman empire. Ataturk enforced a drastic program of modernization, clearing away a vast amount of obsolete relics of medieval moslem Turkey. This revolutionary change he enforced with relentless and autocratic power. In compelling a backward people to break so drastically with their outmoded past and adopt modern ways, Ataturk ruled as the strong man dictator, and operated by means

of a one party system - totalitarian. This is what Turkey has had - until now. So what has happened?

During the past few months, the totalitarian one party system has been dissolved in a series of dramatic events. ~~The President of Turkey, Inonu, is a successor of Ataturk, and he would seem to be the one most interested in preserving the one-party system, on which the dictatorial power of his government is based.~~ However, An opposition party, democratic in character, began making demands for a free political system, with free elections. This was strongly opposed by the Prime Minister, serving under President Inonu, and a violent controversy developed.

The issue was a stunning surprise in Turkey - when President Inonu declared for liberal democracy. He announced that he was giving up his position as leader of the dominant government political party, and henceforth would preside, not as Chief of one party government, but as head of the entire nation, including all parties. With this he ordered that free elections be

held, both the official government party and the opposition party to appeal to the people in a fair contest of ballots. So Turkey now prepares for the first free election that Turkey has ever had.

In other words, Turkish leader Ataturk transformed his backward country by ~~means~~<sup>means</sup> of a one-party dictatorship, and his successor now transforms this into a liberal democracy with free elections. At least, ~~at present~~ that's the way things stand formally and officially, ~~right now~~ - a change that certainly should interest us Americans as we pursue a policy of supporting Turkey against any kind of totalitarian aggression.

to the committee on un-American activities in precisely the same fashion - refusing to answer the Communist charge and incurring the likelihood of being punished for contempt of Congress.

Meanwhile, there is much debate about the equity of the committee proceedings, with charges that names have been dragged in unfairly. For example, I am told that an injury was done Lowell Mellett, <sup>one of the</sup> wartime heads of the O.W.I. because of the statement that he helped <sup>play a role</sup> to persuade movie star Robert Taylor ~~to act~~ in the film ~~feature~~ "Song of Russia", which is being denounced as Communist propaganda, and in which Robert Taylor, himself was reluctant to appear. Former Cabinet Member Paul McNutt who represents the motion picture companies at the hearing, informs me that Mellett had little to do with the Song of Russia affair, had only a brief talk with Robert Taylor - who, by the way, vigorously denied that he had been forced to ~~xxx~~ play in the Song of Russia.

Well, the procedures of Congressional Committee hearings <sup>long</sup> have been ~~long~~ criticized on the

## HOLLYWOOD - COMMUNISM

At the investigation of Hollywood Communism, yesterday's principal incident was repeated over and over again today - (Hollywood film writers refusing to answer the question of whether or not they are Communists,) and being thereupon cited for contempt of Congress. (Yesterday it was Hollywood scenarist John Howard Lawson. Today - film writers Dalton Trombo, Alvah Bessie and Albert Maltz.

Refusing to answer, they shouted their defiance in an uproar that drew boos and cheers from the spectators.) Whereupon, the committee x presented the Communist record attributed to ~~reach to~~ each of them, including Communist Party cards. The citation for contempt will have to be okayed by Congress. ~~whereupon,~~ If it is the defiant screen writers will face trial and a possible sentence of a year in prison and a fine of a thousand dollars.

Today's repetition promises to go on and on - it being apparent that the fifteen other Hollywood scenarists, accused of Communism, will reply

## UNIFORMS

It looks as if we're going to have something new in the way of a uniform - something for the top brass to wear on full dress occasions. Today, Secretary of Defense Forrestal gave instructions for the Army, Navy and Air Forces to get together and do a tailoring job - design a new full dress uniform for officers - a military Sunday-~~outing~~ suit.

This is being done on instructions from President Truman, who got the idea when he attended the recent inter-American conference at Rio. The President was accompanied by American officers of suitable rank, and he noticed that they looked inconspicuous and mousy compared with the Latin American officers. They really have ~~uniform~~ uniforms down there, spectacular and <sup>resplendent</sup> ~~glorious~~ gold braid <sup>galore.</sup> ~~and~~ One Peruvian or Bolivian General can make the entire top ranking staff of the ~~United~~ United States Army look like a bunch of G.I.'s.

[The President didn't approve of that, and ~~they~~ thought it a good idea for our own officers to shine a bit. <sup>W</sup> Of course, one might note a few things in

the history of uniforms. In the old days of military splendor, the most brilliant of uniforms were the Austrian - and Austria never won a war. However, that's no reason why an American Lieutenant General should be completely outshown by a Colonel from Uruguay or Ecuador!

So the Armed Forces are getting together to device an official military full dress. To be the same for Army, Navy and Air Forces though with suitable insignia for rank and branch of service. Generals and Admirals to wear the same style over coat and uniform - which certainly would seem the height of unification. The world in Washington is that the new full dress is likely to consist of blue black suit with tails, trimmed with gold, and worn with a stiff bosom white shirt and white tie. The hat is likely to be the same blue black and gold, but shaped similar to the Naval Officer's cap that the President wears on occasion.

It may seem odd to see a General in a Navy Cap. I know some who would prefer to have their heads taken off first. But, these are days of unification - and, with the new full dress, a General will be like an Admiral, and an Admiral will be togged out like a top Air Officer. And who's will be an insoluble question.

## ROUND THE WORLD FLIGHT

Two young American fliers landed at Shemya island on the western tip of the Aleutians tonight completing the last and most dangerous over-ocean lap of a round the world flight - a flight made in tiny Piper cub planes, puddle jumpers.

George Truman of Los Angeles, and Clif Evans of Washington D.C., decided it would be fun to hop around the world in their putt-putt planes so they set off with a considerable fanfare. For eighty days they flew leisurely through seventeen countries, proving to the world - or to all who hear about it - that American light planes are just as good as Uncle Sam's big ones.

This hop was sure to be the toughest of all - from Japan to Alaska, fifteen hundred miles across the North Pacific. The North Pacific is not ideal for Piper Cubs - Aleutian weather being what it is; about the worst in the world - treacherous winds swirling fogs and sudden storms.

Truman and Evans, undaunted, waited until the weather prophets gave them a hope. Then they stripped their little planes of everything but the barest necessities - so they could carry more gas.

Just in case an Army B-seventeen flew ~~xxx~~ along on the first half of the jaunt. Then planes of the Tenth Air Rescue Squadron picked them up and brought them on to the Aleutians.

## HATS

The hat manufacturers of Los Angeles are going to do something about it! What? California men are not wearing hats. That's what. And a Los Angeles hat expert says there are dire things in ~~an~~ store for men who don't wear hats - skin irriation, sinus trouble, earaches, and, you'll get bald too.

What are they going to do about it? Why next year mens hats will be pale blue, ~~xxxxx~~ purple, green, ochre, salmon pink, and chartreuse. And this expert adds that men will be so enthusiastic about these gay Kellys they won't be caught without one!

Bill, can you see yourself going around in a Cerise lid?

## WEDDING PRESENTS

At St James's Palace in London, there's a display of wedding presents - gifts that have been sent to Princess Elizabeth. Every bride receives wedding presents, and a Princess more than anyone else. So when the heiress to the crown of England goes to the altar with Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten and then sets up housekeeping, she and her Prince Consort will not be in any lack of a lot of things useful around the home.

Today's dispatch from London states that the display of gifts, put on exhibition today, is pretty much the same assortment that any bride gets - though magnified, of course, doubled and redoubled. *In fact it's* ~~fact~~ estimated that the dazzling display at St. James's palace is worth over a million dollars.

[A bride invariably gets a clock, and the Princess received half a dozen, including a masterpiece in bronze from the King and Queen of Yugoslavia *-- who are* ~~they're~~ in exile in Britain. There are dozens and scores of blankets, pillow cases, handkerchiefs, stockings, vacuum cleaners and lamps. There are jewels galore, including a

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ruby necklace from Burma - the land of the pigeon blood  
- *most precious of all precious stones.*  
ruby, There's a dressing case of gold sent by the  
diplomatic corps. And a huge silver wine bowl from the  
Maharajah of Nepal.]

Among the wedding presents are books. When  
you can't think of anything else - give a book. Whose  
book? That's easy, if you're an author - as is indicated  
by what ~~Winston~~ Winston Churchill sent. The ~~xx~~ wartime  
Prime Minister is a copious writer, and he has given  
the Princess a collection of his own works. So did a  
number of other authors. One book among the presents  
was sent by Lady Martineau, a volume entitled - "The  
campaign of Eighteen Fifteen." I don't know, but it  
might seem a little invidious to send a newly married  
couple, a book about war and battle.

The Princess also gets poems. One, of  
course, comes from the poet laureate, famous John  
Masefield - the job of laureate requiring a comp~~o~~<sup>sition</sup>  
of appropriate <sup>(verses)</sup> ~~xxxxxxxx~~ on all royal occasions. Another  
poem for Princess Elizabeth was sent by Mrs. Minnie

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Brown. I'd like to read to you the wedding ode by the poet laureate, but it hasn't come along yet. So we'll have to be content with the poem written by Minnie Brown. It goes like this:

"Love is like the ocean  
It's depths no one can tell  
With waves of strong emotion  
Its breast doth often swell."

I imagine that John Masefield will produce something a little different - but, anyway, Mrs. Minnie Brown had an inspiration about love being like the ocean. There are a few other things you can say about the ocean, ocean storms and the fact that you can drown in it. But let's not think about the various comparisons that can be made between romance and the seven seas - it might be too cynical.

Nelson, how do you like Minnie Brown's last two lines: With waves of strong emotion, Its breast doth often swell?

I have a vagrant notion  
But I'd just as soon not tell.