

BLACK MARKET

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The biggest black market for automobiles pleaded guilty today in Detroit. That is, most of that record-breaking black market <sup>did.</sup> Thirty ~~five~~ <sup>one</sup> defendants were indicted on a charge of running an illegal business that sold over five thousand used cars, each for as much as six hundred dollars above ceiling prices. It was a three million dollar black market. And of the thirty-one on trial -- twenty-two pleaded guilty - in Detroit today. The evidence was conclusive, down in black and white against the black market.

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The Selective Service controversy has been settled -- with concessions all around. Today the Army announced that it would have a draft holiday ~~be~~ during July and August. Secretary of War Patterson told this to the House of Representatives today -- saying that no draftees will be called up, next month and the month after. And even after that, the Army will keep conscriptions down to a minimum, hoping to get the required number of recruits by volunteering.

This ties in with a bill passed by the Lower House of Congress today to boost Army pay to the ~~same~~ tune of fifty percent for private soldiers. The pay is hiked all along the line, the increases becoming smaller, as higher ranks are reached. The pay boost for Generals <sup>being</sup> ~~is~~ ten percent -- while G I's get a fifty percent increase. The Army expects that the potent factor of more money will bring in a lot more enlistments -- so many, maybe that the drafting of soldiers will be unnecessary. Or, at any rate, can be kept down to a minimum. All this was in mind today as the Lower House took a vote on the amended bill to extend the Selective Service law until next March. The bill as now framed, exempts the eighteen year olds ~~is~~ but includes youths

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of nineteen. The measure was okayed by a large majority,  
its passage <sup>accelerated</sup> ~~accelerated~~ by the Army statement that <sup>there</sup> ~~it~~ will be  
a draft holiday in July and August and a minimum of conscriptions  
thereafter -- hoping the pay boost will produce the necessary  
number of recruits.

The Navy today imposed restrictions on the Bikini area -- Admiral Blandy Commander of Operations Crossroads, declaring the mid-Pacific atoll where the atomic test will be made, ~~is~~ out of bounds for all foreign ships and planes. Any alien vessel or aircraft trying to poke its nose into the sector of the atomic test will be chased out.

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And with this, comes the disclosure of a secret, something that will surprise us. We thought all along, as a cardinal fact that the atomic bomb was/dropped by parachute. The universal understanding has been that the atomic missiles that came down over Hiroshima and Nagasaki descended on the wings of parachute silk. But this was not so. The Navy now states that the way of discharging the atomic bomb is the same as with any other bomb -- simply dropped. ~~The~~ It speeds down and is ~~times~~<sup>d</sup> to explode at a certain instant.

Then why did we think that the bomb went down by parachute? The answer is -- that the Japanese made a mistake. It was they who announced that the atomic missiles at Hiroshima and Nagasaki had descended by parachute. The fact is, that parachutes were released -- these carrying recording instruments.

It isn't clear just how the Army operated parachute-recording instruments over Japan or what happened to these. We are merely told that the Japs saw Parachutes of instruments and thought that these were carrying the bombs.

At Bikini, next Monday, as heretofore, the atomic missile will be dropped like an ordinary bomb.

On the diplomatic side, still another plan of bomb control is to be presented to the United Nations. An American program, the Baruch plan, has been handed in. Soviet Russia has responded with its own scheme to make the world safe from atomic warfare. The two are quite different on important points in grave conflict. The new atomic control plan will be submitted by Poland. That nation often speaks for Soviet Russia but we are told that the Polish plan will be a compromise -- an attempt to reconcile the clashing ideas of the United States and Soviet Russia.

The latest - a declaration by the French delegate who told the Atomic Control Commission of The United Nations that the Russian and American plans could be reconciled, that would be the solution said the Frenchman.

On the diplomatic side, atomic bomb discussion was copious this afternoon at the atomic control commission of the United Nations in New York. Poland, which usually speaks for Soviet Russia, has a control proposal of its own -- which is said to resemble the Soviet plan, rather than the American.

Today Polish Delegate Lange said he thought the American idea and the Soviet scheme of control could be reconciled. And this theme of reconciliation was echoed by other delegates -- Holland, Australia, France. The hope was insistently expressed that there need be no fundamental conflict between the American ~~an~~ proposal for controlling the atomic menace and the Russian plan presented by Gromyko. The grave differences between the two are obvious, especially on the subject of that veto which the Soviets demand. This afternoon's expressions of United Nations opinion were rather wistful in hoping that the two views could be reconciled.

FOREIGN MINISTERS

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More and more, the crucial word in the deliberation of the Foreign Ministers in Paris is the name of that Italian seaport Trieste. Word from the French capital today is that ~~an~~ all deliberations were tied up while American Secretary of State Byrnes and Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov tried to strike a bargain on Trieste. Some compromise may come out of it -- one middle of the road suggestion being that Trieste be internationalized for a period of ten years. That would put off, until a fairly unforeseeable future, the Yugoslav claim to the Italian port.

The comment in authoritative circles in Paris is that Molotov simply refuses to do ~~just~~ business on any other point, and won't allow progress to be made along any other line -- until the question of Trieste is settled. Yesterday, for example, Molotov persistently evaded all attempts to press other points for an Italian peace treaty or to get around to such matters as problems in the Balkans -- the Soviet Foreign Minister always coming back to the subject of Trieste.

INDIA

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In India the Nationalist Party has put its okay on the British plan for an independent India. That is, the Nationalists have approved of the long range British plan, -- not the immediate scheme for an ad interim government. Last night the news was that the India Nationalist Congress had turned down the ad-interim plan -- to wait for a regime while the long range program is being put into operation. In other words, the Nationalists while rejecting the lesser proposal, have said "yes" on the larger question.

The interim scheme was ~~xxxxxx~~ drawn up by the Viceroy of India, Lord Wavell, and it appears to have been opposed not only by the Hindus but also by the British Cabinet mission in India and by other British elements. So there would seem to have been a split of British opinion -- between the Viceroy-and-his-group and the mission-of-London-cabinet-ministers who are out in India to make an independence arrangement. <sup>TR</sup> The long range plan which the Hindus accept was that proposed by the cabinet mission. The Mohammedans have already given their okay - - and so tonight's news would seem to indicate just about the longest step thus far in the progress of events leading to an independent

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India. <sup>TR</sup> In all of which the key figure has been -- ~~Shan~~ Gandhi. We are told that, in this crisis in the history of India, the Nationalist Congress makes no decision without the advice and consent of the Mahatma. Moreover the British Cabinet Mission has consulted with Gandhi throughout. He ~~is~~ has no official position -- just an advisor to the Nationalist leaders. <sup>TR</sup> And Gandhi is growing more mystical all the time, -- now said to be mostly concerned about being in touch with the infinite. But he still retains that earthly shrewdness that makes him one of the most effective of politicians -- and in the present independence ~~is~~ crisis, Mahatma Gandhi has the support of the millions upon millions of Hindus, to whom he is a supreme spiritual leader.

MACARTHUR

From Tokyo we hear that Japanese folklore has acquired a new story -- a yarn ~~about~~ that has been coined recently. It's ~~is~~ about General MacArthur. According to the legend that is now going around among the Japs, MacArthur was born in Japan. It is being told ~~now~~ with much circumstance. How his father, General Arthur MacArthur lived for a time with his wife on the southern Japanese island of Kyushu and there Douglas MacArthur was born.

Another variant of the tale claims that MacArthur's mother was Japanese, a Princess, according to one version. A famous Geisha, according to another. The impulse of this new MacArthur yarn,

especially to people who know the mentality of the Japs, <sup>the</sup> ~~is~~ circulation of <sup>such</sup> a story <sup>- it's all</sup> is a process of salving national pride -- a kind of saving face. It <sup>pleases</sup> ~~pleases~~ the vanity of the humiliated Jap to thinking that the conqueror of Japan was born in Japan.

By the way, General Douglas MacArthur was born in Arkansas.

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American students of the Japanese ~~legend~~ legend of centuries

back, which is still current in Japan. This relates that the greatest of Asiatic conquerors, Genghis Khan was born in Japan -- on the island of Hokkaido. That's how the Japs explain the invinsibility of Genghis Khan -- and, similarly -- the invinsibility of MacArthur.

TREASURE

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There is a weird line of mystery in the disappearance of a thirty million dollar treasure out in Java. This fabulous hoard of wealth, consisting of gold, silver and jewels, disappeared during the Japanese ~~era~~ occupation -- when the little men of Nippon possessed and looted the islands of the Indies. A Jap Colonel is under arrest at Batavia, and he admits that he took part in the fantastic theft. <sup>TR</sup> It appears that when the capital city of Batavia was captured by the Japs the thirty million dollar treasure was confiscated by a Japanese Captain -- who turned the gold, silver and jewels over to the Colonel. This latter officer states that he allowed the Captain to keep six million dollars worth of the gold, silver and jewels. Apparently the Japs <sup>conquerors</sup> in those days <sup>tossed</sup> millions around with ~~careless~~ careless ease. As for the rest of the treasure, it passed from the possession of the Colonel -- and hasn't been seen since.

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When the Allies recovered Java, the hoard of wealth was simply missing, no hint of it was had until the Dutch authorities received a tip from the sweetheart of the Captain to whom the Colonel had given six million dollars worth. She said she had been cheated out of her part of the loot. The Japs, apparently,

were declaring their lady friends in on the treasure of Java. She told all she knew about it, and this knowledge led to the arrest of the Jap Colonel. He has been questioned about what he did with the bulk of the thirty million dollars. He said he hid it. Where? His answer is one of the <sup>ast</sup> astonishing parts of the story. The Jap Colonel says that in the confusion of the fall of Japan he forgot what he did with the millions in loot. According to his account, the down-fall of Japan troubled his mind so violently -- that he forgot what he did with the treasure.

On top of that, <sup>the</sup> Dutch authorities at Batavia have a rumor that a large part of the treasure of Java has been taken away to foreign parts, to be used for some purpose of international intrigue. Just what kind of intrigue is not known. And that line of information brings about a search for a mysterious Korean who is said to have disappeared from Java with two suit cases crammed with gold and jewels -- one part, a three or four million dollar chunk of the state treasure of Java.

DEPENDENT

Here's <sup>one</sup> about a husky able-bodied twenty-four year old citizen who is on official record as a dependent husband, supported by his wife. <sup>This may not be the most important story of the day, but it's being widely discussed.</sup> He loafes while she works and supports him -- and all because of U. S. Government regulations.

It's this way:- Sadie Jo Carol of ~~Houston~~ Houston, Texas, worked for the State Department, and was assigned to Germany. She had recently been married to George Madole of Warren, Ohio, who served in the Signal Corps during the war.

~~His wife~~ <sup>Sadie Jo</sup> was assigned to service in Germany and ~~the young couple~~ <sup>from her George</sup> that didn't want to be separated. The only way ~~they~~ could be arranged was to be found in a State Department regulation which provided that a woman employee, assigned to service in Germany could take with her -- one dependent. The State Department Poo-bahs were thinking apparently of a child -- who else could be dependent on a woman. But, Sadie Joe <sup>appeared</sup> ~~is happened~~ over in Germany with her husband; and today in Berlin she said:- The Army people at headquarters were dumb-founded when I asked for a billet for myself and dependent husband. They thought I must be confused -- that I was a dependent, not my husband.

When the Army authorities found she was not confused,

they made a frantic search of directives governing the case of women employees of the State Department and their dependents. They could find nothing that would forbid a dependent husband. So they had to take the couple in, the only proviso being that the husband had to remain a dependent supported by his wife. So the twenty-six year old veteran of the Signal Corps now lives in Berlin, living the life of Riley. He ~~said~~<sup>ya</sup> that Riley must have been a dependent husband. "I do nothing but keep house and play golf," he said today, "while my wife slaves at the office".

He says he likes married life, as why wouldn't he. While he was a <sup>(bachelor,</sup> ~~husband~~ he explains, "I had plenty of work and now, just look at me."

To all of which George Madole climaxes with a statement of final triumph. "Even my father" said he, "is amazed at my success as a married man".

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However, this tale of joy and bliss is about to come to an unhappy ending. Wife, over in Berlin said today that her husband's days as a dependent ~~are~~<sup>will</sup> soon be numbered. She's quitting her job in July, and they are coming home to set up housekeeping. Husbands are not legal dependents in the United

States, and he'll have to support her. "I want my turn at

being a dependent" said wifie today. Well George it's  
8 1/2 too bad Sadie To has to look at it  
that way.

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this broadcast we are dependent  
on you.