

SPAIN

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A late dispatch from Madrid states that the fifteen year old son of the Pretender ^{to} ~~of~~ the Spanish throne killed himself accidentally today. While playing with a pistol - at his father's home.

The victim of the accident - the younger brother of Don Carlos, who is expected to succeed Franco, and assume the Spanish throne, when Franco retires.

ICELAND

The news from Iceland - not so clear, apparently.

The first word was that the Icelandic Parliament had voted - for a withdrawal of American forces from the island. Where we have - a vitally important air base.

Today, however, the Icelandic Ambassador in Washington said - the resolution does not necessarily call for a withdrawal.

Asking, merely - for a revision of the Nineteen Fifty-One Treaty. Under which - U.S. forces are stationed at the Keflavik base. So, maybe, the ~~government~~ government of Iceland wants a reduction of American activity - without a complete abandonment of the base.

The resolution is being studied at the State Department, where the hope is expressed that new arrangements can be made. Whereby we can continue - using the airfield.

"Urgent concern" is expressed - by the Air Force.

Which calls the Keflavik base - "vital". Particularly as a

stopping point - for U.S. jet fighter-bombers, on their way to Europe. Essential - for air strategy, in relation to Soviet Russia.

ATOMIC

The atomic state of the world is - terrifying. As pictured in testimony before a Congressional Sub-Committee. Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson stating - that both the United States and Soviet Russia are building up such great supplies of atomic and hydrogen weapons, that either could "practically wipe out the world." The Secretary calling it - an "unlimited race to destruction."

Secretary of the Air Force Donald Quarles told the Sub-Committee - he believes the United States and the Soviets are moving into a situation of what he called "mutual deterrence". Each having the means of world destruction - neither will dare attack the other. ~~Which sounds like~~ ~~optimism - based on terror.~~ Which would be like wisdom - based on terror.

HUNGARY

The anti-Stalin campaign - came to a climax in Hungary, today. With the exoneration of a former Hungarian Foreign Minister - Lazlo Rajk. Who, with four other former high Communist officials - was hanged as a traitor, in Nineteen Forty-Nine.

That was in the height of the Stalin despotism - when there was an epidemic of executions in the satellite countries. Reminiscent - of the great purges in Russia, when Stalin exterminated his enemies.

Today, the big boss of Hungarian Communism, Rakosi, announced - that Rajk and the others were hanged "innocently." The charges of treason and Titoism - false.

At the trial, in Nineteen Forty-Nine, former Foreign Minister Rajk - confessed everything. The usual sort of eager, voluble confession - familiar in Red purge trials. Now, the statement is - that the accusation was trumped up by the former chief of the Hungarian Secret Police, Gabor Peter. Who later fell from power - and, in Nineteen Fifty-Three, was given a life sentence

in prison.

However, at the time of the hanging of Rajk, there was fulsome praise for that same Rakosi, giving him credit - for the exposure of the plot confessed by the victim. Rakosi - who now announces that Rajk was hanged "innocently".

This new move in Hungary is likely to be followed by similar action in that other satellite - Czechoslovakia. Where they had a big purge trial - in Nineteen Fifty-Three. The former chief of the Communist Party, Rudolph Slansky - executed for treason. As was the former Foreign Minister, Clementis, together with nine other former high officials of the Communist Party in Czechoslovakia.

ITALY - COMMUNISTS

From Italy - sounds of an uproar in the Italian Communist Party. The new debunking of Stalin has produced reverberations - among the Reds around the world. But leave it to the Italians - to come up with some real excitement.

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In Rome, today, the official newspaper of the Italian Communist Party published a fire-and-brimstone speech. By - the Red Senator, Umberto Terracini. Who, in bitter terms, denounced the Kremlin - for painting the new picture of Stalin, as a vicious tyrant.

Which would make it seem as if Senator Terracini were - a faithful Stalinist. But not at all. In the dog-house, for a long time, because he was anti-Stalin. Terracini - an outspoken critic of the Kremlin Dictator, when the other Communist leaders were bowing down before the idol.

In his address, before a meeting of Communist Italian Senators, he declared: "We must not forget that, if Stalin committed errors - the Party, which tolerated them, is also responsible. If the myth of one man is created," he added,

"it is the fault of everyone. At one point, the blame for the atrocities was put on Beria. Then - on Stalin," he said.

(Well, everybody knows - how the present "collective" leaders at the Kremlin were henchmen of Stalin - as long as he lived. Now, blaming everything - on his ghost.)

Which leads the Red Senator in Rome to observe bitterly: "So the truth of yesterday - is not the truth of today."

(Which everybody knew about Communism to begin with. But, now, it's printed in the official newspaper of the Italian Communist Party. Indicating - a rift in the ranks of the Reds. With a possible revolt - against Togliatti, big boss of Italian Communism.)

LONDON PARLIAMENT

A charge against the United States - in the London Parliament. Yesterday, a Labor M.P. tried to make this accusation - but they stopped him. The Speaker of the House of Commons - ruling "out of order." But the Labor member, John Baird, insisted on speaking today - and they let him go on. The speaker calling it - a "regrettable incident."

The charge is that the United States "indirectly" put up the money for the sabotage of an airliner at Hong Kong last year. When eleven officials of Red China, on their way to the Bandung Conference - were killed.

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The Labor M.P. stated that a time-bomb was placed in the plane, at Hong Kong - by a mechanic from Nationalist Formosa. Paid - ~~one hundred and twelve~~ thousand dollars for the sabotage, by the Chiang Kai-shek Intelligence Agency.

Which Nationalist outfit - gets its funds from the United States. Hence the logic - that the U.S. government paid

"indirectly" for the sabotage.

How little the British approved of this allegation, is shown - by the attempts to stop it. And by the Speaker of the House of Commons - calling it "a regrettable incident."

ROME

Rome, today, sounds like - just about the most over-crowded city in the world. Thousands of pilgrims - there for Holy Week and Easter. Pope Pius the Twelfth, today - giving the familiar blessing to a huge multitude.

Today's dispatch says - ~~"the~~ hotels, inns and rooming houses ~~are~~ booked solid. In the meadows outside the Eternal City - tents. Pilgrims from everywhere - putting up under canvas."

Luckily, the weather is okay^{- for tents.} After that bitterest of winter weather in Europe, Spring has come - with a rush. The temperature - seventy, in Rome today.

POLITICS

The North Dakota Non-Partisan League -- has gone over to the Democratic Party. The powerful political organization- ~~has~~ ^{has} been on the Republican side for forty years. Now - switching.

This, however, is - no surprise. Actually, the North Dakota Non-Partisan League has been inclining toward the Democrats for years.

Today's vote - makes it official. And is attributed - to discontent with the administration farm program.

(All of which puts the focus of attention on Republican Senator Langer of North Dakota. Who, ~~until~~ until recently, has been regarded as the titular head of the organization. Senator Langer saying - he has not made up his mind whether or not he'll follow suit, and go over to the Democrats.)

In California, meanwhile, Adlai Stevenson declared - he'll continue to run for the Democratic nomination, even if he loses out in the California primary. He told a new conference - doesn't he ~~didn't~~ expect Kefauver to run ahead of him. But admitted,

"maybe I haven't been running fast enough."

Stevenson indicated - he now considers himself the "under-dog". Which might be a good thing, politically - inciting him to greater efforts.

Today, he went on a hand-shaking tour in the Los Angeles garment district. Emulating - the glad hand style of the Senator from Tennessee.

FIRE

The belief is that the giant explosion in Philadelphia was - a blow-up of dust. In the building for storing grain - an accumulation of an inflammable dust. Which could have been set off - by a spark. Three million dollars' worth of damage done. The grannery building, demolished. Three persons missing. Other places in the neighborhood - wrecked or badly damaged.

City authorities declare - that the grain company had been cited, only eight days ago, for failure - to comply with the fire regulations.

DOCTOR

In Hartford, the Doctor - takes back the diagnosis. He said - it was ~~an~~ a "communicable disease." Contagious - you can catch it. With horrible results. But now he admits - he doesn't know anything about that sickness at all.

The disease - "rock-and-roll." This latter day version of - jitterbug. *NS* Still more jittery - and buggy.

Dr. Francis Braceland, President-elect of the American Psychiatric Association, was quoted as saying - that the rock-and-roll music is "cannibalistic and tribalistic." Based on - the "insecurity and rebellion of youth."

All of which drew a protest from Band Leader - Sammy Kaye. Who protested - that rock-and-roll was neither "cannibalistic" nor "tribalistic". The rock-and-rollers don't belong to tribes, and don't eat each other. Or - not yet, anyway. The band leader likewise denied - that the goofy brand of music is a "communicable disease."

Today, ~~at Hartford, Connecticut,~~ Dr. Braceland, the psychiatrist, explains - he was misquoted. A reporter called

him on the telephone, and asked for comment - on a riot in a Hartford theatre. Rock-and-roll music inciting - a wild outbreak. Eleven teenagers - arrested.

The Doctor says - he was talking about the riot, not music. The crazy excitement - ~~the~~ "a communicable disease." The Doctor adding: "I know nothing about rock-and-roll music."

Probably not. Let's hope the President-elect of the American Psychiatric Association does not go - rocking and rolling.

WHISTLE

At Miami, Jim Ahern can tell you - about the power of a "wolf whistle." The attraction exerted - by that low, luring sound. So you might think Jim can produce - a wolf whistle, especially beguiling. But - not at all.

The "wolf whistle" was on the radio - and sounded from the loud speaker in Jim's car. It was parked near the sidewalk - and just at that moment, an attractive young woman was passing. When the "wolf whistle" - gave the summons.

Did it work? And how! The young lady stopped, walked over to Jim's car, and opened the door. Then - reached in, and slapped his face.

Poor Jim! A slap in the face - and he probably can't whistle at all.

LONDON

London is known to be conservative. Sometimes disdaining - such new fangled frivolities as modern styles. However, there's one London institution which is making a concession - to be up-to-date.

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The Finchley Swimming Pool, which provides bathing costumes, for the customers, now issuing - a new line of swimming attire. For - the men. For the first time - in twenty-four years.

Explaining - the bathing suits have lost their shape, after twenty-four years of constant use. By now - they look like worn out potato sacks.

But what about the ladies? The Finchley people announce - no change. After twenty-four years, the women's bathing suits are - still wearable. Those are the words in the London dispatch - "still wearable."

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Heavy, No frivolous nonsense - about that swimming pool.