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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

The latest news tonight is from Paris. The French Assembly has voted a majority to support the newly-named Premier -- Jules Moch, a Socialist who has earned a reputation as a hard-hitting opponent of the Communists. He undertook to form a Cabinet, middle-of-the-road in character, and tonight he's been sustained by the French Parliament.

COMMUNIST TRIAL

In the Communist trial in New York, the jury retired tonight without reaching a verdict. They will resume deliberations tomorrow morning.

CHINA

At any moment we may get a flash that Canton has fallen to the Chinese Reds. At last report, Communist vanguards had reached the suburbs of the great port on the South China Sea. There are scenes of panic and confusion, as hundreds try to get out by plane - the Nationalist Government having already fled.

One interesting detail: before leaving Canton, Nationalist officials named a military commander to take charge of the city, General Yu Ham-mou. General Yu had the same job eleven years ago. In Nineteen Thirty-Eight, he was the Chinese commander who turned Canton over to the Japanese, without firing a shot.

In Washington, Congress today saluted a new nation - India. A joint session of both Houses hailed Pandit Nehru, Prime Minister of the great sub-continent which is now independent, though a voluntary member of the British Commonwealth.

Well, it wasn't so long ago that Mahatma Gandhi, the little man in the loin cloth, was being jailed for agitating Indian independence. Today, Gandhi's number one follower, Pandit Nehru, received a standing ovation from the Congress of the United States - as the chief of the government of independent India.

COAL

Hope for a quick settlement of the coal strike vanishes in a thundering statement by John L. Lewis tonight. The chief of the mine workers assails both the coal companies and the steel industry in bitter terms, and demands that the federal government take over the soft coal mines - now tied up by the walkout.

But John L. Lewis doesn't seem likely to have his way.

██████ Earlier in the day, President Truman stated he had no intention of having the government seize the coal pits - not at present, anyway.

NAVY

The Admirals completed their case today, with Admiral Denfeld, Chief of Naval Operations, for a climax. Though he represents the Navy in the set-up for unified command, he minced no words in saying what he thought of the way unification has been going. He declared that the Air Force and the Army have been ganging up on the Navy. As an example, he cited the cancellation of the Navy plan for that super-duper-aircraft carrier.

Some people feel that these squabbles between American sea power on one side, and our air and land power on the other, are doing us no good. But apparently open controversy remains our way of running things.

HOLLYWOOD

Hollywood tonight is the scene of a search for what are called "scores of people". ~~This is in the case~~ ^{SEEMS}

Jean Spangler, the Hollywood beauty who disappeared, ~~and~~ ^{AND} for whom a widespread hunt has been made, ~~she~~ left behind a purse -- which was found in the wooded area of Griffith Park. In the purse was a notebook, and the contents ~~was~~ ^{WERE} made public tonight. The police say that the notebook lists the names of scores of personages in Hollywood. ~~These~~ ^TThese are being investigated in an effort to find some clue to the disappearance of the actress who vanished six days ago.

SHIRLEY TEMPLE

Hollywood must be crying into its cocktail glasses today. Four years ago Shirley Temple, once the baby darling of the movies, married Actor John Agar. But it just hasn't worked out. Today Shirley Temple said she was sorry she couldn't make a go of her marriage, and is ~~a~~ suing for a divorce.

PRECEDE RECORDING

After hearing that strange story last night, in which Lowell Thomas told how he was received by the Dalai Lama, I kept thinking of the almost unreal world Lowell described for us. A fifteen year old boy revered as the living Buddha - it seemed incredible in a world of plastics and atomic fission. Yet I suppose a little knowledge of Buddhist theology might help us to understand it.

The religion of Tibet, Lamaism, is an offshoot of Mahayana Buddhism which is a spectacular elaboration of the original doctrine of Buddha. But its basic idea is the ancient doctrine of India - reincarnation. All living things die only to be reborn - and every so often a Buddha is born into the world, as a reincarnation. Now the Tibetans believe they can detect when this Buddha is born, by the use of magic. And that's how they pick their spiritual and temporal ruler. They believe the Dalai Lama is a living Buddha - and, when he dies, his reincarnation is born immediately.

Fifteen years ago was vague, strange news from the Roof-of-the-World, telling how the lamas of Tibet had gone through weird rituals, and picked out a new born babe. Today he is fifteen years old - the Buddhist pontiff whom Lowell Thomas and his son have been visiting. Now, in a recorded broadcast from Tibet, we hear from Lowell, Junior, a young fellow of twenty-six, who flew bombers in the Air Force during the war. It's a far cry from that experience to the throne-room at Lhasa.

("Buddha of mercy - So long")

FOLLOW RECORDING

*Mr. Federman's
art* →



In that far-off city of mystery, life must sure
have seemed strange to a typical healthy young American
like Lowell Junior. Things are much simpler here in our
studio, aren't they, Nelson?

As Lowell Thomas says, "So long until tomorrow."

DOG

(early show.)

In Chicago today a dog walked into a bar, where the customers were drinking beer. He bit one in the leg, briefly and trotted out. A few minutes later, the same pooch ambled into another saloon, bit another beed ~~at~~ drinker in the leg, and off he went -- to still another tavern. Then he dropped in for a bite once more -- and trotted out again.

Nobody knows whose dog it was, though there's rumor going around that he's an agent of the WCTU. And now Here's our agent of ivory soap - Nelson Case.