

FORD

C.I. - Sunoco. Friday, Sept. 14, 1945.

The Ford Motor Company tonight closed down -
a complete stoppage of operations. The reason, ~~is~~ a strike
at a plant producing necessary parts for making Ford
cars. Without the parts produced by the strikebound
plant, production is impossible. And so Ford has ~~xx~~
suspended operations, sending home fifty thousand workers.

At the same time, another strike threatens to
shut down General Motors, and close its plants all over
the country.

HURRICANE

The hurricane sweeping toward Florida is one of the most violent in the history of the storm god in the West Indies. The wind is blowing at a hundred and fifty miles an hour, as the Hurricane roars its way toward the Florida Keys. It will hit tomorrow ~~xxxx~~ afternoon.

ARGENTINE

Things appear to be growing more disturbed down in Argentina. The Military Government of the Colonels in Buenos Aires has been shaky all along - especially after the pressure the United States has put on that ill-favored regime.

Today the Vice-President, Colonel Peron, a dominant figure in the ruling group, issued a proclamation to the Army. He calls upon the troops to remain loyal, and admits that moves to overthrow the Government of the Colonels are gaining support. He declares that a widespread conspiracy is in progress and that the leaders of the plot are trying to persuade the Army to revolt.

PEARL HARBOR

Here is the Congressional Committee that will investigate Pearl Harbor. It was named today - a ten man group, five Senators and five Congressmen - six Democrats and four Republicans.

The Senators on the Committee are - 2 Democrats Barkley of Kentucky, George of Georgia and Lucas of Illinois. And Republicans - Brewster of Maine and Ferguson of Michigan. The members of the Lower House are - Democrats Cooper of Tennessee, Clark of North Carolina, and Murphy of Pennsylvania. And Republicans - Keefe of Wisconsin and Gerhart of California.

It is assumed in Washington that the Head of the Committee will be Senator Barkley, Democratic leader of the Senate.

These are the men who will conduct the extensive inquiry into the causes of the Pearl Harbor disaster. They will summon a whole list of witnesses - two of whom are expected to be General Short and Admiral Kimmel, our Pearl Harbor Commanders at the time of the attack.

INTELLIGENCE

In the Senate today, a proposal was made to create - a super-intelligence service. It has been suggested repeatedly that this country needs a unified bureau for gathering worldwide information - something a lot more efficient than anything we have right now. Senator Wiley of Wisconsin agrees with this, and he is moving for Congressional action.

Today the Senator stated: "It is intolerable that our nation, mightiest on the globe, should continue like a rank amateur - stumbling over our own big feet in the deadly game of foreign intelligence."

He argues that the advent of the Atomic Bomb sharply increases the need. "I am informed," Senator Wiley declares, "That right now Atomic Bombs can be fired from virtually any point on earth to any other point." And he argues that foreign nations may be developing atomic weapons that might change our own plans for defense - if we knew what was going on abroad along the Atomic line.

The proposal is to create a super authority

that would coordinate the intelligence activities of the
Army, Navy, State Department, and ^{F. B. I.} ~~Federal Bureau of~~
~~Investigation.~~

Who is suggested to head this? Why, J. Edgar Hoover, who has achieved such renown as Head of the F. B. I. Proposing J. Edgar Hoover for the job, Senator Wiley stated: "He will never engage in Gestapo or OGPU tactics, arbitrary snooping, political propagandizing or reckless extravagance."

I suppose that few of us will fail to agree with the contention that this country does need some ~~bigger and~~ better way of acquiring under-cover information about secret goings-on in other countries. Of course, the plain word for it is - espionage, a spy system. Other nations go in for intensive espionage, and we ~~are sure~~ ^{are sure} ~~should be~~ ^{to remain} at a disadvantage if we do not meet the competition. Espionage sounds a bit sinister, but then, instead of saying, "Super-Spy" we can say, "Super-Intelligence."

JAPAN

The news today makes it clear that one of the most important of the orders issued by General MacArthur was that abolishing the Domei News Agency. Domei all along was the chief propaganda vehicle of the Japanese Militarists, and even after the surrender the Japanese Agency kept^t on disseminating propaganda - with accusations against American soldiers, charges of ~~misconduct~~ misconduct. Domei likewise used its position to scoop American newsmen on important stories - the news agency procuring from the Japanese Government information that American headquarters denied to the ~~American~~ American reporters.

But all that is really secondary compared with results that will proceed from the abolition of Domei. The news agency served seventy-six newspapers in Japan, and what are these Jap^dailies now to do for News? One answer is seen in the case of the Tokyo Mainichi, one of the world's big newspapers. The Mainichi doesn't need Domei now, having already bought an American News Service - United Press. And that points

the way to the remainder of the Japanese Press - buy American news.

Today Brigadier General Diller, MacArthur's chief of Public Relations, announced that American Agencies will be permitted to bring in news and sell it freely to the Japanese Press. "Let's give these people some truth, for a change," said Brigadier General Diller.

~~So right there is one important measure in the business of changing the mentality of the Japanese - expose them to the freedom of information, and the factual handling of news, that is characteristic of American journalism.~~

~~I think we can sympathize with General MacArthur in his statement today - defending himself against the charge of a "soft policy" towards Japan. MacArthur notes there has been criticism in this country, criticism of his leniency toward the Japanese. He denies he is following a soft policy and states that his proceedings are in accord with military necessity.~~

MacArthur had had only a limited number of troops - the figure today is given as one hundred thousand. And he has been faced with the task of demobilizing an army of ~~several~~ million ^{all} troops with weapons. This could only have been accomplished through the medium of the Japanese Government, and any attempt to apply too drastic a policy might have caused trouble, bloodshed, chaos.

MacArthur declares that the surrender terms are not soft - and, says he: "They will not be applied in kid glove fashion."

~~Our Commander in Japan is confronted with practical realities. Over here people protest he is not hard enough on the Japs, and at the same time they ~~complain~~ complain because the boys are not being sent home fast enough. Well, if things do not go smoothly in Japan, boys won't come home sooner. To the contrary - they'll stay longer.~~

General Eichelberger, commander of the Eighth Army occupying Japan, indicates that the occupation may last no more than a year. "Japan is no

longer a military power", says Eichelberger, "And won't be dangerous if no one makes an alliance with her." ~~One wonders who is likely to make an alliance with Japan. But anyway, General Eichelberger makes his prediction, that the occupation may not last any more than a year.~~

Meanwhile, the suicides among the Jap Militarists are continuing. Two other members of the Tojo Cabinet have killed themselves - Lieutenant General Koyzumi, Minister without portfolio, and Tojo's Minister of Education, Hshaida. And today General Yoshimoto former acting Chief of Staff, took the suicide way out Hari Kari.

INTRO TO DR. A.

Explorer Roy Chapman Andrews who gave you the news of the world while I was on my way around the world, has dropped into the studio with his beautiful wife. Dr. Andrews spent many long years in the Far East, Manchuria, Korea, China and Japan. He knows a lot more about Japanese psychology than I do, and in addition to thanking him again, in your hearing, for doing such a magnificent job when I was on ~~my~~ that long flight around the globe, I am going to ask him what he thinks about the turn of events in Japan, all this hara kiri business. Are you surprised at the number of Japanese war lords who are hurrying to join their honorable ancestors, Roy?

DR. ANDREWS: Months ago, Lowell, I predicted that unless the Japanese war criminals were rounded up in very short order after surrender, not many of them would remain alive to stand trial.

L.T. You were a good prophet.

DR. A. And about hara kiri in Japan, ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ their eyes it has a totally different significance from the →

ignominious suicides of the Nazi gang. By death in the traditional manner, the hara kiri ceremony, a Jap can atone to the Emperor and the people, for his failure to win the war. Through hara kiri he gets atonement, forgiveness! On the other hand if a Jap dies by a firing squad, or if he takes poison, he loses face, and he will not be assured of an honorable place in Japanese history.

L.T. How about old Tojo who seems to have bungled it?

Dr. A. I imagine those war criminals who have already been netted are most unhappy men. Whether or not Tojo, who attempted to commit hara kiri even though it was with an American pistol, will be considered to have fulfilled his obligation to the Emperor; ~~that~~ that's a nice question to be decided by Oriental logic.

L.T. My hunch is that oriental logic will go against Tojo. He must have lost face.

Dr. A.

^{but that} There is no doubt, he surely has. In fact he lost much face by even using an American revolver.

L.T.

I'd like to be over there right now. Perhaps it would be better to wait a while and go after MacArthur and his men have had a chance to get things organized. To be there at any time during the American occupation will be a thrilling experience. If I do go I hope you'll be around to help us out again, Roy Chapman Andrews.

GERMAN BLACK MARKET

General Eisenhower clamped down on the German Black Market today. He ordered severe penalties to be imposed, in American-Controlled Areas - penalties on German civilians and on American soldiers too.

It appears that the G.I.'s are taking a lively interest in Black Market finances. They have been doing a highly profitable business by selling supplies issued to them. The most prominent item is cigarettes - the G.I.'s ~~are~~ taking the cigarettes they get and selling them to the ~~bx~~ black market. The financial opportunities are evident, when we learn that American cigarettes are selling for a hundred ^{real} dollars a carton.

Candy is next on the list of G.I.

merchandise in the black market. And then there ~~are~~ ^{they've been selling all along -} wrist watches - a wrist watch fetching a price of five hundred dollars.

General Eisenhower today gave his troops a vigorous reprimand for these doings, and warned them that G.I.'s caught selling or swapping articles issued to them by the Army, will be severely punished. - At the

same time - a dragnet has been spread throughout American occupied areas - a house-to-house hunt for black market merchandise, articles issued by the American Army, contraband weapons, and so on - Eisenhower determined to stamp out the black market.

GERMAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATS

The first official German protest^{at} the charge that all Germany was guilty in ~~xx~~ the war, was issued today in Berlin. The declaration was made by the head of the German Social Democratic Party, ~~who~~ ^{he} rejected the thesis of -- total German war guilt. He contended that large ~~xxxxxxxx~~ sections of the German working class never supported the Nazis. "Inwardly, he proclaimed, "They never bowed to Hitler."

Outwardly, of course, they did bow, the Social Democratic ~~is~~ Leader explaining that it was either a case of what he called - "Hunger and Die" or "word^k and shut up". The statement was made at a meeting of the Social Democrats, which before Hitler was the largest political party in Germany.

The gathering put its okay on a union of Social Democrats and Communists, to form what they call - "A United Working Class Front." ~~Warning was given that ^{this} the Union would work, only if both parties were sincere; and, reference was made to the fact that the rise of Hitler was made possible because of the way the Social~~

Democrats and the Communists fought against each other.

The prospects of a harmonious union of the moderate Socialists and Reds in Germany right now, is made the more doubtful by a split in the ranks of the Social Democrats, themselves. A Left wing faction has come out in favor of Soviet ideas, leaning toward the Communists.

in Germany
Right wing elements of the Social Democrats are talking of collaboration with an International Socialist Group under English auspices. They are in favor of an idea propounded by Professor Laski, Secretary of the British Trades Unions, ~~which is~~ the power behind the present British Socialist Government. Laski, who does a lot of talking and theorizing, is trying to promote an International Socialist Organization built around the British Labor Government.

SOVIET UNION DELEGATE

They are having some lively controversy at *that* International Convention of Labor Unions in England. Today, the Soviet Delegate hurled defiance at the Representative of the American Federation of Labor, accusing him of "insults, lies and calumnies."

This followed ^{my the} ~~a~~ speech by A. F. Of L. Delegate George Meany, who on Wednesday stated that the American Federation would never join an International Organization in which the Unions of Soviet Russia were represented. And he gave the reason - saying that the so-called Russian Trade Unions have no freedom, which results in the "virtual enslavement" of millions of Russian workers." He stated that the Soviet Government denies to the Russian workers what Meany called, the basic x freedom which American workers hold prerequisite to a free nation."

Today, the Russian Delegate to the Trades Union Congress came back with a retort, in which he thundered: "I protest at the hostile and inciting calumnies against millions of workers organized in the

Soviet Trades Union." And he went on to talk about -
"Insults and lies."

All of which is raising some lively ructions
at the International Congress of Unions. — *More
international good will.*

HITLER

Here's more on the question of Hitler - is the Nazi ~~Em~~ Fuehrer really dead? The story we have today indicates that, even if Hitler didn't kill himself, he would have died anyway.

This is no mere matter of rumor. It comes from American Military Intelligence in Germany. Brigadier General Sibert, Chief of Intelligence, has been investigating the Hitler question.

He has a medical report setting forth the state of Der Fuehrer's health. It's a hundred and seventy-five pages long, and that would seem to be enough to cover all details about Der Fuehrer's constitution, right down to a sore toe. The medical verdict is that, when Hitler was last known to be alive, during the final days of the battle of Berlin - he was in such bad health that he could not have lived long, even if he hadn't killed himself. We are not told what his maladies were, but they must have been plenty.

~~The story today goes on to say that American Intelligence has put a lot of Hitler facts on~~

DEMOBILIZATION

A legion of army doctors and nurses is to be returned to civilian life and practice. The War Department announces that by the end of this year, thirteen thousand physicians, twenty-five thousand nurses and thirty-five hundred dentist^s will be discharged from Military Service. ~~And by July of next year, the figure will have risen to thirty thousand doctors, forty thousand nurses and ten thousand dentists, a seventy per cent cut in the Army Medical Corps.~~

So better times are coming, if you have any idea of getting sick, ^{this is} good news ^, in case you've put off having that serious illness until there were enough doctors to go round.

Hugh, I hope you are feeling
ok, tonight!