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Tonight brings another charge, ~~made~~ by Senator MacCarthy of Wisconsin. He claims that the State Department made what he calls "a pay-off" to Emmanuel Larsen, former State Department official who was arrested on the Amerasia case -- and paid a five hundred dollar fine. ^π "The "pay-off" according to MacCarthy, was a promise made by Assistant Deputy Under-Secretary of State, John Peurifoy -- who is claimed to have ^(offered) ~~promised~~ Larsen the help of the State Department legal staff. Also -- "loyalty clearance" to enable him to get another government job. ^{According to MacCarthy,} ~~In return for which,~~ Larsen pledged that he would not testify against John Service -- who was arrested ⁽ⁱⁿ⁾ ~~xxxx~~ the Amerasia case of ^{the} stolen State Department documents found in the files of the Leftwing magazine. At the time, back in nineteen forty-five, Service was cleared of the charge and is still an official of the State Department.

MacCarthy claims that Service admitted all this in secret testimony before a Senate Investigating Committee. But Larsen responds with an immediate denial, stating --

yes, the State Department offered him legal advice, if any question came up about his former standing with the Department. But he denied that Peurifoy had offered him Loyalty Clearance. As for promising not to testify against Service, he calls that -- "A complete falsehood."

Meanwhile the name of MacCarthy appears in another affair -- that of the Lustron Corporation, the bankrupt housing concern that got a government loan of thirty-six-and-a-half-million dollars. It appears that Senator MacCarthy was paid ten thousand dollars for writing a booklet for the Lustron people. Weeks ago the Senator told a news conference about this but did not mention the price he got. That is the disclosure tonight -- ten thousand dollars. Reached on the telephone tonight, the Senator said -- yes, it is true. "I sold the Lustron Corporation", he says, "a book on Housing Legislation because they were the highest bidder. It involved one hundred thousand copies at ten cents a copy".

So the ^(Communist) ~~news~~ business gets mixed up with the book business -- all of which may bewilder a simple soul like myself.

SPY

The FBI announces another arrest in the atomic spy case of the Philadelphia bio-chemist, Harry Gold . The prisoner, in custody tonight is Alfred Dean Slack of Syracuse, New York -- also a chemist. ~~FBI Director~~ J Edgar Hoover says that Slack turned over to Gold secret information about a wartime explosive -- the information to be handed over to Red espionage.

At the same time, the FBI Chief gives the identity of two Soviet agents who dealt with Harry Gold . At the time of the arrest of that Philadelphia bio-chemist, several weeks ago, there was mention of two unknown Russian spies. Gold stated that he did not know their names, but since then the FBI has found out who they were. One -- Semenov, who was attached to ^{the} AMTORG CORPORATION, the Soviet Trading Agency in this country. He left this country in nineteen forty-four. The other Yakovlev, Soviet Vice Consul in New York, who went back to Russia in nineteen Forty-Six.

The story, as related by J Edgar Hoover, is that Harry Gold was directed by these Russian agents in
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the work of espionage. He was assigned to get information from the Syracuse chemist, Slack -- who had access to secrets of wartime explosives. J. Edgar Hoover states that Slack has admitted that he turned over to Gold the formulas for making an extremely powerful explosive developed by the United States.

Later, Semenov instructed Gold to discontinue his contacts with Slack, and go on to something more important. "Semenov", says J Edgar Hoover, "then assigned Gold to contact Dr. Klaus Fuchs for the purpose of receiving secret data on the atom bomb". Which Gold thereupon did, acting as a go-between, and procuring for Red espionage the atomic secrets provided by the high-ranking British scientist, who was in this country on an atomic mission -- and who since has been sent to prison as a Red spy.

Thus, more and more, the plot is unravelling of how the atom bomb secrets were turned over to Soviet Russia. Which, according to scientists, may explain why Stalin was able to develop the atomic bomb earlier than expected.

Admiral

Late news now coming in is telling how Alfred Dean Black did war-time work on the most powerful ~~st~~ explosive known -- short of the atomic bomb. That is, the mystery ~~st~~ explosive known as R.D. X.

A Senate slap at the White House - rejection of a Truman nomination. The Commerce Committee today voted five to three to turn down the presidential appointment of Martin Hutchinson of Virginia to the Federal Trade Commission.

The nomination was bitterly opposed by the Virginia Senators, Harry Byrd and Willis Robertson, ~~and they win~~

~~and they win~~

~~and they win~~ ^{It} ~~and they win~~ out in the Committee, ^{It} ~~and they win~~ remains to be seen if the Administration will take the disputed nomination to the floor of the Senate, for a fight there.

JET

The Army today admitted - defeat. Its anti-aircraft artillery - unable to shoot down the jet bombers of the Air Force. So tonight one of the most important strategic objectives in this country lies in a mass of ruins - destroyed.

The target was Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, where the locks are all-important for maritime traffic moving out of Lake Superior - especially those iron ore ships. Flying at four hundred miles an hour, the jet bombers were at an altitude of thirty thousand feet - and were picked up twenty minutes in advance by radar detection. But, even so, the planes were so high, the gunners on the ground could not see them - not even the vapor trails, which the jets leave streaming behind. No see, no hit.

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This report came today, as President Truman was having an eyefull of spectacular doings on the ground. At Quantico, Virginia - where the Marines turned the valley into an explosive inferno. The artillery blazed away, with eruptions of shellfire, while skimming jet planes hurled

thundering fireworks at rockets - and Leatherneck infantrymen completed the hell-fire picture with blazing streams from flame-throwers.

President Truman looked over the motorized cannon with an expert air - he having been an artilleryman in World War One. "I used to fire one of these," he said, "but mine had wooden wheels, four feet high."

REPUBLICAN

Today in the Senate, there was a loud Republican blast - but not hurled at any Democrat. G.O.P. Senator Capehart of Indiana fired a canonade of words at Republican National Chairman, Guy Gabrielson.

Why? Well, it's this way. The Republican Chairman has a business firm, a big oil corporation, and it is disclosed that the Gabrielson Company has borrowed a total of eighteen and a half million dollars from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, obtaining government money for business investment. Even Democrats admit that it looks like a good loan, the R. F.C. likely to get the money back, with interest.

But what ^{of} ~~about~~ Republican complaints about the government monkeying around with business, federal paternalism? That's what stings Republican Senator Capehart. Today he ^(said:) ~~thought~~ "They ought to practice what they preach. Do they believe in the free enterprise system, or do they believe in government control and interference?" He argued that business men ^{are} ~~are~~ inconsistent when they, in the

Senator's words - ^{/ "Bludgeon}
~~"bludgeon"~~ Congress to protect the free
enterprise system, and then they run to the government for
loans."

Senator, it's the old story. Something may be bad,
except when it benefits me.

AUSTRIA

~~was on first show~~

The Western Powers ask Soviet Russia to sign an
Austrian treaty - right away. Or at least - permit the
Austrians to have more say in running their affairs. This is
stated in diplomatic notes, addressed by the United States,
Great Britain and France - calling on Moscow to allow something
to lighten the burden of the occupation of Austria.

PERU

The government of Peru announces the suppression of the revolt at Arequipa. The statement from Lima is that government troops have won out - after heavy fighting.

Leaders of the rebel chieftains under arrest; insurrection crushed! So says the government.

AIR CRASH

It is no wonder the French Air authorities suspect - sabotage. Almost anything - in the wild groping for an explanation. Today - another air disaster, ~~with a~~ heavy loss of life, ~~at least twenty-five lives~~ following the crash day before yesterday, with the loss of forty-seven lives. The two - almost identical.

In both cases, the big passenger liners were flying from Indo-China, bound for France. In both cases they made a stop at Karachi, in India - and then crashed as they were coming in to land at Bahrein, the ^{Persian Gulf oil} ~~Arabian oil~~ island. In each case, the pilot radioed he was coming in to land, and both planes plunged into the sea at about the same point, two miles from the airport.

The disaster day before yesterday occurred in a sandstorm - and it was supposed that this might have had something to do with it. But the one today was in clear weather. In the strange similarity, there was one fortunate feature. Motor boats and helicopters used in a search for

survivors of the previous mishap, were ready and available today - and they picked up thirteen of ^{aboard the plane./} ~~the~~ fifty-two ~~Twenty~~ ^{five} are known to have been lost, ^{fourteen} ~~missing~~ missing.

Mystery indeed - how two air crashes could have happened, one following so closely after another, both almost identical, with no hint of explanation. Hardly an accident - yet sabotage seems almost as difficult an explanation.

There is a suspicion that some sort of chemical may have been used to weaken the supports of the planes, a chemical that would act over a ^(given) ~~period~~ period of time. Sabotage is the more likely suspicion, because the ^{air liners were} ~~planes~~ carrying French officials and their families from Indo-China, where a battle against Communism is on.

CANONIZATION

From the Vatican - the word that June Twenty-Fifth has been set as the date for the canonization of a new Saint. One hundred ^{and eighty} thousand pilgrims of Holy Year have applied for places in St. Peter's, to witness the ceremony - but thousands will have to be refused, for lack of space. Down through the centuries, the Church of Rome has canonized many a Saint - but never in such dramatic circumstance as will be witnessed on Sunday after next. The one to be elevated - a girl who was murdered forty-eight years ago. And among those at the ritual of her canonization will be the man - who murdered her.

There's something terribly modern about it, something that occurs hideously often in the news nowadays, ~~and makes us shudder every time we see it in print sex crime.~~

~~That's what it was~~ In an Italian village, forty-eight years ago - a seventeen year old youth attacking an eleven year old girl, and stab^{ed}ling her. ~~when she resisted.~~ Then, as she lay dying, Maria Goretti prayed for his pardon. Her tragedy and her goodness were so well known, that people came to pray at

her grave - and miracles were reported. Which is a reason for her elevation, now, as a Saint.

Her murderer, seventeen year old Alexander Serenelli, was sentenced to thirty years in prison, and ~~there~~ there he remained for sixteen years, until the end of the First World War - when an amnesty was proclaimed. He was set free, and became a monk. He said that, in his dungeon, a vision appeared to him - a vision of the girl he had killed, descending from the sky, and presenting flowers to him. So, from his prison, he went to a monastery.

Sunday after next, among the tens of thousands at St. Peter's for the ceremony, will be the eighty-five year old mother of the Saint they canonize. Also, a brother of the girl of long ago. He is now an American - Angelo Goretti, a dye worker, who lives in New Jersey. But the focus of dramatic attention will be on a sixty-five year old Capuchin monk. As Pope Pius the Twelfth presides over splendors of the ecclesiastical ritual, the monk will be kneeling in the brown robe of his Order - Alexander Serenelli, the murderer.

The latest from Rome is that so many people want to attend, the ceremony may be held in the open air, the great square of St. Peter's. It would be the first canonization in the open since the year Twelve Hundred and Thirty-Two, more than seven hundred years ago.

ROBBERY

A wild ^{outbreak} of shooting in Portland, Oregon, today - when an ex-convict robbed a bank, and was immediately trapped by the F.B.I. Actually, the federal agents were trailing the robber all the time.

Wayne Long was released from the Oregon State Penitentiary only yesterday, and the F.B.I. was interested in him, because he ^{was} a pal ^{of} August Omar Pinson, whose name is on the F.B.I. list of - "most wanted fugitives." So agents ~~WERE~~ were assigned to follow him, in the hope that the trail would lead to the more important crook.

But the convict released yesterday wasted no time. He procured a submachine gun, and today stalked into a suburban bank in Portland - never suspecting that the F.B.I. was trailing him. He fired a shot into the ceiling to terrorize employees and customers, and grabbed ten thousand dollars' worth of currency. Then he noticed - the F.B.I. men were closing in on him. He opened fire with the submachine gun, and dashed out - shooting as he ran into a crowded street. Crowds of people

ducked to shelter, as the gun battle was fought. One federal agent was hit, his arm ripped by a bullet. But the F.B.I. fire cut down the robber, and tonight he's in a hospital - seriously wounded.

BIRDS

Tragedy in the world of birds - sudden death in the realm of the starlings. Two hundred fall victim to a sudden stroke of fatality.

At Okawville, Illinois, a large flock of starlings came winging through the air, and fluttered down to rest on electric wires. You know how birds can perch on live wires, and nothing happens - there being no circuit. Today there were two wires, strung parallel, one above the other, about eighteen inches apart. Most of the birds were on the top wire. It was raining, they were wet with soggy feathers - and the weight caused the top wire to sag. It sagged so low, that a starling on the top wire was able to reach down and touch the beak of another on the bottom wire. That set up a circuit, and two hundred starlings tumbled from the wires, electrocuted.

The tricks of the human race bring sudden tragedy into the world of birds.

DUCHESS

Affairs of state tonight bring forward an aristocratic beauty of Spain - the Duchess of Valencia. In Madrid today, she was on trial, in an affair of international politics featuring the name of the American Secretary of State, Dean Acheson.

The Duchess of Valencia is a prominent opponent of the Franco regime. A monarchist - who has been in jail four times in the past couple of years. So the Duchess didn't like it when Secretary Acheson stated recently that the Franco regime was firmly in power, and there seemed to be no alternative - nothing much you could do about it. Together with several other monarchists, she sent a letter of protest to Dean Acheson - saying there was an alternative, the restoration of the Spanish throne. The American Charge d-Affaires in Madrid, Paul Culbertson, says the letter was left at the U.S. Embassy - but was not forwarded to the State Department in Washington.

The Franco authorities found out about it - and the Duchess of Valencia was arrested once again.

She was put on trial before a military tribunal, and today the courtroom was crowded with fashionable ladies - eager to see the aristocratic prisoner, famous for beauty and style. Nor did the Duchess of Valencia disappoint expectations. She was radiant, and dressed to perfection. Maybe that would help to explain the verdict.

Three of her fellow conspirators, including her lawyer, were sentenced to prison - the lawyer getting eighteen months in jail. But the Duchess, herself, was acquitted! Not guilty! I suppose the officers on the military tribunal took one look, or maybe several - and they were Spanish caballeros.

HOB0

In Minneapolis, they~~y~~are hunting a hobo - heir to an estate of four million dollars. They~~y~~are having trouble finding him, although clues are vivid. He's British, with an Oxford accent - and talks in a highly educated way.

The story tells how Stanley William McKenna Walker, scion of a prominent shipbuilding family in England, went to Oxford and became a captain in the British Army. ~~M~~ But things went wrong with him, and five years ago he disappeared - vanished in the United States. They say he liked - "cheap hotels and cheap whiskey." So he became a hobo.

Meanwhile, he has fallen heir to the shipbuilding fortune, and investigators have been searching "Skid Row" in various American cities.

One clue comes from Salem, Massachusetts, where a housewife tells of a hobo who came to her back door, asking for a handout. He had, what the news dispatch calls - "an English accent, and an enormous vocabulary." ^{(But, how} ~~How~~ would a hobo use an enormous vocabulary in asking for a handout? Would he

say - "Madam, I'm desirous of comestibles, and would find it
delectable if you regaled me with an abundance of proteins and
carbohydrates," also Nelson will you profer
us a modicum of condiment?

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