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~~Also~~ Today there was
~~an immediate talk~~ of a stormy time for the Federal
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Price Administrator. In Chicago, Michael Di Salle faced an

^{some} audience of three hundred cattlemen, and talked about the

rollback of beef prices. He was greeted with boos and cat calls.

The cattlemen gave him a reception that expressed their view of the price regulations on beef. But Di Salle kept on stubbornly defending the rollback policy. Saying -- The livestock market, after slumping a few days ago, has returned to normal.

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PRECEDE BEEF

The President was on the radio tonight-- and has just finished speaking. His subject -- inflation and the mobilization program. The President accused beef and business lobbyists of trying to scuttle his wage - price program. Which the President calls "The easiest victory the Kremlin could ask for"

Fighting words also for those cattlemen who are opposing the beef rollback order. Mr. Truman terms this "a strike against the country." Taking his case to the country for the new control law, now before Congress, the P^rresident declared that regardless of what happens in Korea "controls are absolutely necessary for at least the next two years."

JAPANESE TREATY

In London, (the British Foreign Office announces -- full agreement on a peace treaty for Japan. The United States and Great Britain have settled their differences. They hope Soviet Russia will come in -- but if not, the Western powers will go ahead on their own.)

But what about Communist China? That question has been the chief stumbling block in the negotiations between Washington and London. We, at first, proposed to have China represented in the negotiations by the Nationalists on Formosa. But Britain recognizes the Red regime of Mao Tse-Tung as the legal government of China. The question ends in a compromise, we are told. But that is being kept a secret.

The new agreement is on its way to Washington, taken by Presidential representative John Foster Dulles. He leaves London by plane tonight - with the documents.

KOREA

Today's news dispatch about Korea uses the phrase - "The greatest retreat of the war." Which describes the huge army of the Chinese Reds - reeling back all along the line.

The iron triangle occupied completely, with the capture of its northern angle, the U N forces pressed on today against only sporadic resistance. The Communists left isolated parties to put up a fight, and there were local clashes -- driving these out.

What do the Reds intend to do? The only tip-off to that is found, possibly, in the east central mountains, where American units report "stiffening resistance." In that sector, American officers believe they may be approaching a new defense line.

The news from that former iron triangle of the Communists is a fantastic picture of abandoned equipment - mostly of Russian make. United Press correspondent William Burson cables: "The central Korean highway is lined with the wreckage of the latest model Russian trucks, Russian tanks, Russian howitzers, Russian anti-aircraft, and anti-tank guns, Russian radar sets." He tells of a single munition dump yielding hundreds of Russian rifles

and burnt guns, and says that tons of ammunition were found intact.

Washington announces damage to a U S destroyer -- twenty-six lives lost, when the vessel struck a floating mine. That seems to be the explanation, although the Navy does not rule out the possibility that the destroyer may have been hit by a torpedo. This is the heaviest loss the Navy has sustained in the Korean war.

It happened two days ago - announced today. The U S S Walker was operating off the East coast of Korea, when the under-water explosion occurred. At last reports, the destroyer was proceeding to a Japanese port under its own power.

INVESTIGATION

At the Macarthur committee hearing, the witness today was former secretary of defense Louis Johnson - who was dismissed from the cabinet last September. He said we cannot let Soviet Russia "bleed us dry" in Korea. Also - that he believed the policies of General Douglas M acArthur ^{sh} would have to be adopted,

But all this was qualified by statements that he'd follow the judgement of the joint chiefs of staff. "I'm just a civilian arm chair strategist," says Louis Johnson.

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The oil negotiations began in Teheran today, and the Iranians promptly handed the British a drastic demand. They want seventy-five percent of the profits made by the Anglo-Iranian Oil Company) profits from oil field operations, which are still going on under company direction.

This was in the form of an ultimatum. Unless the demand is met, the Iranian representatives will not meet with the British again. The delegates of the company put off a reply until Sunday morning - and it remains to be seen what reply the British will make. Seventy-five percent of the profits earned by the billion dollar oil concern - would come to a lot of money.

All this occurs in the midst of troubled reports. Americans as well as British are bothered by anti-foreign agitation in the oil field area. Also - by the attitude of Soviet Russia. Today the Moscow ambassador gave the Iranian government an explanation of Russian military activity along the frontier. He said these were "paratrooper exercises." Which corresponds to British paratroop preparations - if violence should break out against

the British in the oilfields.

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Today the London government called off huge air maneuvers that were scheduled for the Suez Canal. Today's dispatch says the war games of the sky at Suez were called off "for fear of aggravating unrest and touching off anti-British riots in Iran."

Nineteen Britons are reported to have been arrested in the oil fields - charged with illegal entry. The British foreign office doesn't know who they are. So says London. Added to all of which, an American is said to have been killed at Isphahan, in central Persia.

In Washington, the story was told today of the smuggling of strategic materials from Western Germany to countries behind the iron curtain. The narrator was John J McCloy, U S high commissioner in Germany, who is in Washington testifying before a Senate sub-committee. He said the illegal business is done by communist agents working with old-time smuggling rings. And- estimated that the undercover shipments may run as high as a hundred million dollars worth a year. He said that anti-smuggling enforcement has been lax - but that the West German authorities are now clamping down on illegal shipments to the lands of the Reds.

BRITISH SUBMARINE

A British naval vessel made a tragic discovery today - finding the lost submarine "Affray." That undersea craft vanished two months ago, and all hope of survivors was given up long since. But the London Admiralty persisted in the search, and today a diver from a salvage vessel found an iron hull on the bottom of the English Channel. A submarine - marked with the name "Affray".

The discovery was made in the "Hurd Deep", where the bottom of the channel sinks to a depth of two hundred and fifty-eight feet. Called - "Graveyard of submarines." Somehow, the "Affray" got into the Hurd Deep and never came up. The British Admiralty wants to know -- why? What went wrong? But they can only find that out by raising the sunken sub - and that would be a salvage job of tremendous difficulty. But they'll try, says London tonight.

TRENTON TRIAL

At Trenton, New Jersey - a verdict in the longest and most expensive trial in the history of the state. In nineteen forty eight, six negroes were convicted of the murder of a Trenton storekeeper in a robbery, and were sentenced to death. But the state Supreme court ordered a new trial, on the ground of questionable confessions. So the case went to court again, and that ended in a mistrial.

By this time the affair was attracting wide attention - with leftist ~~organizations~~ ^(groups) from New York to Moscow ^(and other organizations too) charging that the six negroes were convicted because of race prejudice.

This latest trial, the third one, lasted for one hundred days - and ends in similar, long-drawn-out fashion. The jury deliberated continuously for nineteen and a half hours, all last night, and for hours today.

Then the verdict. Four of the six defendants - acquitted. two found guilty, with a recommendation of mercy. That made the sentence mandatory, and the judge imposed it - a life sentence for the two. With good behavior they can get out in fifteen years.

HEIRESS

A Milwaukee judge hands down an interesting decision - there's no law against keeping a marriage secret, even for twenty years. His honor doesn't say why a couple should want to conceal their wedding that long - as now appears in a lawsuit for a grain broker's estate.

Last fall, Roy Campbell died, leaving more than a hundred thousand dollars. There was no will, and it seemed as if his legal heirs would be his brother and sister. But up spoke a woman past fifty, who had been the grain broker's assistant in business. She said she had been his wife for more than twenty years - which nobody knew. As evidence, she brought forward records of a wedding at Waukegan, Illinois - in nineteen thirty-one.

Today Mrs Edith Blumberg Campbell gave this unilluminating explanation: "We thought it best to keep our marriage a secret."

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In Milwaukee Judge George Patterson awarded her the estate today, saying: "I know of no law compelling people to announce their marriage."

BOYS

At Higham, Massachusetts, today, the commanding officer of a naval ammunition depot asked local youngsters - please stop shooting at the sentries. Lads of the town have been amusing themselves by blazing away with thirty-two calibre rifles at the sailors on guard.

Navy commander James H. Campbell warns them that a stray bullet might touch off an explosion of the tons of ammunition at the navy depot. Also, that the sentries have the authority to shoot back.

Let's hope the warning works. Years ago, we used to have a sort of minor classic - about "Peck's Bad Boy." But, so far as I know, even Peck's Bad Boy never took pot-shots at navy sentries with a target rifle.

KIDNAP

This next is from Plymouth, Massachusetts, where the Pilgrim Fathers landed. Memories of the Mayflower, Plymouth Rock - hallowed in the legend of New England. At Plymouth, a Texan is in jail - he's been in the cooler for nearly a year. Because- he doesn't like Yankees.

Roy Conley is from Amarillo. He was a lieutenant in the army, and survived the perils of war. But he got married - to a bride from Massachusetts. Which was a mistake for a Texan who doesn't like Yankees. The marriage broke up. There was a two-year-old daughter, Conley took the little girl - and fled with her to Texas.

He was charged with kidnapping, and with assaulting his divorced wife and her mother. Which caused him to be extradited to Massachusetts, taken to Plymouth for trial. Well, he couldn't have found a place more Yankee, and that may have made the Texan all the more stubborn.

Pending trial, the judge ordered him to return the little girl to Massachusetts. He refused, was held in contempt of court, and sentenced to jail. That was nearly a year ago, and he's still in the cooler. He says: "I'd rather stay in jail, than have the girl brought up in this damn-Y ankee land."

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His trial on the kidnap charges was to have come up today but the judge put it off until Thursday. So the Texan remains in jail, and I shouldn't want to repeat what he's thinking about Plymouth and its famous rock, the Mayflower, and all the other hallowed traditions of New England.

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OLD LADY

At Pueblo, Colorado, Mrs. Emma Read is a talkative lady - as a lady sometimes is. For nearly all of her ninety years, she has loved to chat and gossip. But now she has become hard of hearing, and can't listen any more. - Conversation being a two-way affair, she learned to read lip movements. But her eyes have grown weak - and that seemed to make an end to the chatty fun of having a good talk with somebody.

But Mrs. Read's two daughters, Hazel and Faye, had an idea:— Sixty-five years ago their mother won local fame out there in Colorado. She was one of the first women ever to become a telegraph operator. She worked for the railroad, and was a cracker-^{at}-jack sending and receiving message by the clicking key.

That was sixty-five years ago, and today her daughter Hazel said: "We wondered if mother could still remember the Morse code. So we tried it. As soon as we put a telegraph set in front of her, she said it all came back."

So that's how conversation now goes on in the Read household, at Pueblo, Colorado. By Morse code.

And now Nelson, have you anything for us - either in code or not in code? If not in code, how about an ode? Before you take to the road for your abode.