

**CHINA**

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Today's China headline tells of a big reception in Moscow - China's Communist president Mao Tze-Tung reporting to the boss. He was received with pompous honors, met at the railroad station by Vice-Premier Molotov, - chiming in with reports that Molotov has been specializing in far eastern affairs, ever since he gave up the job of Red foreign minister last March.

Mao Tze-Tung will represent the Chinese Communists at the big birthday celebration next Wednesday - <sup>when will be</sup> Stalin <sup>is</sup> seventy years old.

The word is that Mao <sup>Tze-Tung</sup> is in Moscow to ask for financial assistance - also to line up the Chinese Red government with the policies laid down by Moscow. He's getting his orders.

## SOVIET - ATOM

Soviet Russia announces a new super-atom smasher. The Red's news bureau in Berlin states that this atomic device in Soviet Russia is superior to anything in the United States.

Well, I myself don't know so much about nuclear physics, but there's one part of the Soviet statement that makes me blink. The Berlin dispatch says: "The new apparatus combines the principles of the cyclotron and the betatron, two types used in the United States; and is called! - the sync<sup>ro</sup>tron. Meaning - that we have no ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ sync<sup>ro</sup>tron."

Which takes memory back to the trip we made *some months ago -* in the spring to the radiation laboratories at the University of California - Berkeley. There we were told about their newly invented sync<sup>ro</sup>tron, saw it in operation, and stood on top of it, while it pounded away. Whereupon I told on this program how the radiation laboratory had just put *an American* the sync<sup>ro</sup>tron into action.

## **BULGARIA**

In Bulgaria, Kostov was executed today - paying with his life for the crime of losing in the game of Communist politics. At the recent Red trial, he alone refused to confess, and he is the only one to go to his death. In the days of the French revolution and the guillotine long ago, they said - the revolution devours its children. The same thing now - behind the Iron Curtain.

## LONDON

In London - a new example in the paradox of King George-the-Sixth as the sovereign of a country with a Socialist government. His Majesty sent to Parliament his formal approval of the law to limit the veto power of the House of Lords. The Peers of the realm have been holding up that number one measure of socialism -- the nationalization of steel. To which the ~~the~~ labor government responded by enacting measures to decrease the veto power of the Lords -- which would enable the nationalization of steel to become ~~effective~~. All of which required the royal assent, and that was forthcoming ~~it~~ tonight -- King George-the-Sixth making the measures for socialism the law of the land.

**TRUMAN**

At the little White House, Key West, Florida, the query was pressed today - what about President Truman believing that General Eisenhower will be the Republican candidate in Nineteen Fifty-Two? The answer was not very definite. President secretary Charlie Ross said the reports were what he called - "Souped up." He emphasized that the President and the General were - "Good friends." But he said he didn't know what was in the President's mind on the subject of Eisenhower as a possible candidate.

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## NAVY

In Washington today, Naval officers were warned to be more careful about saluting high civilian officials. Chief of Naval operations Admiral Sherman instructed the personnel of the Navy to give all the proper courtesies to ~~these~~ high civilian officials - including the salute. But the Navy denies that today's order was issued because of an insult to President Truman.

The story is going around that recently the President, on a morning stroll, encountered a Naval officer, and greeted him with a friendly "Hello". To which the officer responded by turning his back on the Commander-in-Chief - another example of Navy ~~Bitterness~~ bitterness toward the unified command.

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## HISS

In the New York trial of Alger Hiss, the brother of the defendant took the witness stand today. This is one of the few things that keep the trial from being a complete replica of the previous proceedings - in which the jury could not agree. Donald Hiss did not appear in the former trial.

Today he denied he had ever asked Alger, his elder brother, to procure secret ~~ms~~ documents to pass along to Red espionage. That has been alleged in testimony by Whittaker Chambers, Chief accuser in the Hiss affair. Donald Hiss, like his brother, was prominent in government service - and today he denied he had ever been a Communist - a leftist or a fellow ~~gm~~ traveler.

# TELEGRAM

Telegrams are going to cost more - and less. Western Union announces a sweeping revision of rates, raising some, lowering others. The changes vary according to geography. For example, a straight ten word telegram from Chicago-to-Miami goes up from eighty-seven cents to a dollar five. While - the same thing from San Francisco-to-Birmingham will cost less, nineteen cents less.



## PLANE

From Reno, Nevada - the story of a mad rush to the door, to get out. Time of peril, moment of danger - and a panic to escape. But it was in an airplane, high in the sky - and the story is a champion thriller of the year.

The plane - a big Army C-82, a flying box car, with a four man crew, and seven soldiers for passengers. Flying over mountains in western Nevada, <sup>a</sup> the rugged section of <sup>the</sup> Pyramid Lake <sup>country,</sup> <sup>put</sup> No place to <sup>have</sup> ~~down a plane. But~~ ~~trouble start,~~ <sup>sort</sup> the flying box car ran into the worst of icing conditions. At twelve thousand feet, ice formed on the propellers. The pilot, Lieutenant George Dumont, states: "The props were throwing ice off against the fuselage. We could see the dents it made when it hit." The controls froze, and the flying box car started to climb. The pilot was fighting with the controls, but the giant plane kept going on up to eighteen thousand feet.

~~Time of the peril, hour of danger and~~

<sup>K</sup> Lieutenant Dumont instructed his passengers to put on

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their parachutes. He told his crew chief to open the rear door, <sup>and everybody ready</sup> ~~should it become necessary~~ to jump. But <sup>his passengers</sup> he says he never told the seven soldiers to bail out. <sup>Just get ready,</sup> But when The crew chief opened the rear door, ~~and~~

here's what happened. "The next thing I knew," he relates, "there was a rush of guys going by me, and six of them had jumped out." There was a seventh passenger, bringing up the rear - and his parachute <sup>already</sup> had opened accidentally, <sup>there in the plane,</sup> He was holding it bundled in his arms, <sup>push out the door,</sup> as he tried to ~~bail out~~. But the sergeant grabbed him, and held him back. - not so smart to jump with a parachute already open.

All the while <sup>the pilot,</sup> Lieutenant George Dumont fought to get the plane under control. <sup>And, he</sup> He succeeded, and finally was able to bring the <sup>at</sup> flying box car to <sup>the</sup> an air port at Reno - making a safe landing. <sup>So</sup> The four men who stuck to the plane were safe, ~~and saved~~ <sup>What about</sup> but

~~what happened to the six who staged the panic,~~ <sup>who</sup> ~~had jumped?~~ Today they were being picked up <sup>all over those</sup> ~~in the~~ <sup>of that wild</sup> ~~mountains near~~ Pyramid Lake, <sup>country.</sup> ~~after having had a rough~~ <sup>And they had had</sup>

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time of it. One broke an arm as he hit the ground.

Another broke a leg, and all were bruised, cut and scratched. <sup>all say that</sup> They next time they'll wait until they're told - before <sup>barling</sup> ~~jumping~~ out, ~~of an airplane.~~

## BURGLAR

Near Dallas, Texas, the police today were digging a treasure out of a hog wallow - recovering the loot in a-hundred-and-fifty-thousand dollar burglary. Which was ironical enough - but the story is even more so.

Lloyd Roberts, former private detective, undertook to become a robber. At night he broke into a drug store to crack the safe, only to show that he didn't know much about burglary. He tried to break into the safe with a hatchet - chopping away at the steel, but it was no go. The intended robbery was a fiasco - until the clumsy crook noticed something.

During the day, two jewel salesmen had been in the drug store, and had left their sample cases there for safekeeping. The sample cases, containing a-hundred-and-fifty thousand dollars' worth of jewelry, were put in a desk - and the drug store locked for the night. So that was what the bungling burglar found - and stole.

In due time, he was arrested, and said he had

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buried the-hundred-and-fifty-thousand dollars' worth of jewelry, most of it in a pig pen on a farm near Dallas. So today the police went treasure-hunting in the hog wallow - digging out rubies, pearls and diamonds.

## WIFE

We all know how the affairs of life can give occasion - for bitter reflection. So you can imagine the sour meditations of Mrs. Wallace Kohls at Upper Darby, Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Kohls tells how she was locked out of her own home, and had to break in. I<sup>n</sup> her bedroom, she found her husband with a waitress. The waitress explained that she was only there to comb her hair. But Mrs. Kohls raised ructions, and the disturbance grew so violent that the police arrested all three.

They were taken to court, where the judge ordered each of them to pay ten dollars for a bond to keep the peace, and six dollars and ninety-five cents for costs. Either that - or go to jail.

Whereupon Mr. Kohls shelled out the money for himself and the waitress.

"Say," demanded his wife, "aren't you going to pay for me?"

"No," roared hubby, "I certainly am not."

So he and the waitress walked out, while the

wife was led off to a jail cell. ~~There sure seems to~~ *It seems to me there!*

*that. I can just*  
turn of injustice in ~~there~~ *and you can* imagine the  
bitter reflections of the wife, sitting <sup>there</sup> in jail, her  
~~sour meditation~~ *no* in her cell.

## THEFT

Now is the time to repeat an old chestnut, and say: "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned." That was illustrated in dramatic style at Tulsa, Oklahoma, today, when the blonde secretary of a band leader faced the court on a charge of stealing ten thousand dollars from the band. A woman's revenge!-  
*Q* <sup>that</sup> ~~which~~ theme has been famous ever since Joseph in the Bible spurned Potiphar's wife, and she had him hurled into a dungeon cell.

There's a band leader named Leon McAuliffe, whose nickname is - "Take it away!" He and his musicians do all right with jazzy rythms, and last year "Take-it-away" McAuliffe engaged a secretary to look after the financial affairs of the band, a twenty-seven year old blonde named Wanda Wall.

Today in court Wanda said she always admired the personality and music of "Take-it-away" McAuliffe. So, her emotions turned to romance. But it was no go.

*present day*  
"Take-it-away" never gave her a tumble, as they say in lyric poetry. Today Wanda explained: "He just kept



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his relations with me on a strictly business basis, and I got tired of it."

The old story of a woman scorned, and she decided to have revenge. Which she did by swiping the funds of the band. Potiphar's wife in the person of Wanda. Joseph of the Bible in the person of "Take-it-away" McAuliffe. "I wanted to hurt him as much as possible," says Wanda today, "and I thought this was the only way." A frolicksome sort of way, ~~with~~ <sup>with</sup> ~~suicid~~ Wanda spending the m<sup>+</sup>ol<sup>+</sup>ey on clothes, gaily and highjinks.

The day of reckoning came, however, when it was found that Wanda's accounts were short by some eight thousand, three hundred dollars. Wanda was arrested, admitted everything, and added that she had swiped another thirteen hundred, which they still didn't know about. Ten thousand bucks in all, !- she took it away! ! from Take-it-away!

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Nelson, take-it away!

## WATER

New York's waterless Friday seems to <sup>be</sup> resulting in a saving of about twenty-five per cent! The official figure will be given tomorrow, but the check-up at reservoirs <sup>this afternoon</sup> ~~would~~ indicate that New Yorkers today used one-fourth less water than they did last Friday.

The <sup>day</sup> bathless, shaveless day <sup>has been</sup> ~~is~~ an occasion for a lot of obvious comedy - men of every sort appearing without that freshly shaved look. A poll conducted by the United Press would indicate, that about eighty-three per cent <sup>of New Yorkers</sup> went without the morning shave, <sup>— all</sup> ~~with~~ others explaining that they use ~~these~~ electric razors — no water.

It was journalistic sport today to ask prominent citizens, including fastidious actresses, if they went without a bath. The answer was usually - yes.

**O'DWYER**

New York's Mayor O'Dwyer will get married next Tuesday. His bride - the fashion stylist Sloan Simpson. This was announced today at the Mayor's New York office, after his honor took out a wedding license in Florida. All New York has known that the wedding would happen - now definitely announced.