

TOKYO

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Over in Tokyo Saturday morning has already begun -- the day set for the Communist general strike. And two thousand transport workers quit their railroad jobs, tying up several hundred thousand commuters. The Tokyo dispatch states that forces of Japanese police are mobilized to check the Red demonstration -- a protest against the trial of members of a Japanese mob that attacked American military men on Memorial day.

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The latest from Hawaii shows that Mauna Loa is, right now, staging its most melodramatic spectacle - in the history of living man. Actually, that fabulous fire mountain is putting on two big shows. - (the second almost as terrifying and awe-inspiring as the first.)

Circus number one - the giant eruption last night, when Mauna Loa suddenly blew its top. The explosion turned the night into day, an infernal day of roaring violence and glaring light. A column of fire soared high into the sky, with a red brilliance that could be seen in Honolulu - two hundred miles away. They say the towering mass of smoke and flame shot four miles into the air, twenty thousand feet.

An ocean of molten lava poured out of the crater, and went streaming down one side of the volcano, and the rolling river of fire is described as shooting flame twenty feet into the air, all along its length. So, moving on for miles, it was a stream both of incandescent rock and leaping flame.

Mauna Loa is on the Island of Hawaii, the

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largest of the group, <sup>where the largest town is</sup> ~~the largest town is~~ Hilo; but that's on the opposite side - and is not threatened. The area of devastation is only sparsely inhabited - <sup>but</sup> the lava <sup>has</sup> ~~has~~ <sup>ed</sup> destroying several <sup>villages</sup> ~~houses~~ and a church, with reports of two persons missing. <sup>The name of one of these people is</sup> ~~one~~ Abraham Lincoln, said to be a direct descendant of the Civil War president of the United States. Abraham Lincoln is a local post master, and lived with his wife not far from the volcano. <sup>It was feared</sup> They ~~may~~ <sup>had</sup> been trapped ~~some time~~ when their house was overwhelmed by the burning lava. <sup>Later they were</sup> ~~found among other refugees.~~

The river of molten stone went streaming down the slope to the shore, fifteen miles away, and that provided - circus number two! - When the lava plunged into the waves with convulsions of fire and water. The ocean boiled <sup>ing</sup> in a mad fury, ~~and~~ geysers of stream shooting into the sky - a mile high.

Actually, ~~was~~ circus number two is more <sup>even</sup> spectacular than that - because the river of lava divided into two, and one stream went rolling to a two hundred foot cliff. Where it plunged over - pouring



AMERASIA

The State Department confirms a rather startling story in the Amerasia case. It is true that a cablegram was sent to the American Ambassador to China in Nineteen Forty Four - presenting suggestions advanced by that left wing magazine. It has been charged repeatedly that Amerasia was under Communist influence, and the proposal was that American aid be given to the Chinese Communists fighting the Japanese.

(The cable was marked - "Hull to Chungking.")

However, there is no indication that the message was signed or even seen, by former Secretary of State Cordell Hull. ~~All such cables from the State Department are signed with the name of the Secretary of State. That's automatic routine - whether the Secretary of State knows about the message or not.~~

It is explained that the cable in question contained a digest of material printed in Amerasia - the custom being to send such magazine summaries to American diplomatic representatives abroad. The leftist magazine argued that the United States should back the Chinese

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Reds, and give them support. The cable put the proposal in these words - "Establishing a close working relationship with the guerrilla Communist forces now operating behind the Japanese line, and to bolster the activities with material and financial aid."

Another Amerasia inspiration sent along to the American ambassador at Chungking, was a suggestion that this country should back a leader for Japan- a Japanese named Susomo Okano. The idea was for the United States to back him as the "Tito of Japan." That's the Amerasia phrase - "Tito of Japan." Well, at that time, Nineteen Forty Four, Tito was the pride and joy of the Soviets, as he led Yugoslav Communist resistance against the Nazis. Since then, of course, Red Marshal Tito has become a rebellious puppet - in bitter feud with Stalin. (But, in those days, the proposal that the United States should back a "Tito of Japan" had a very different look.)

The State Department cablegram, sending all this Amerasia material, ~~was found~~ <sup>was found</sup> among the documents ~~there~~ seized in the F.B.I. raid on the

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magazine offices. The documents were stolen from the State Department, and this one must have been of lively interest to the editors of Amerasia - seeing that their view on Far Eastern policy had been sent to the American Ambassador at Chungking.

MCCARTHY

Senator McCarthy offers to get from under that - "Congressional immunity." But, there's an - if.

The Senator has been hurling his barrages of sensation - in such fashion that he cannot be sued for libel. (It's a principle of government that the members of national legislature shall be privileged to express themselves freely, in Congressional proceedings - without danger of being taken to law about it. That is an old safeguard, intended to protect freedom of legislative debate - against any and all authority.

But the charge is widespread that Senator McCarthy has been using Congressional immunity as a shield for irresponsible accusations - and this was decried in the statement issued yesterday by seven Republican senators headed by <sup>Sen.</sup> ~~Sen.~~ Margaret Chase Smith of Maine.)

So now, <sup>McCarthy</sup> ~~the~~ Senator says he will discard his Congressional privilege, and make his charges out in public, outside of Congress - where he can be sued for libel. ~~He will do it.~~ The condition he makes is



that President Truman shall open those loyalty files - not merely the State Department records which the Senate Committee has already been allowed to see, but also the reports of the F.B.I. What are called - the "raw" files.

The immediate response in Washington is - that President Truman is not likely to take ~~up~~ McCarthy<sup>up</sup> on this. He won't open the confidential F.B.I. files - a thing so vigorously opposed by F.B.I. chief J. Edgar Hoover. (So the best belief is that not much will come out of today's McCarthy offer to get out from under the Congressional immunity - if.)

## OAK RIDGE

At Oak Ridge, Tennessee, the atomic scientists are poking fun at a warning printed in the British Medical Journal - a warning against marriage between people at atomic plants. This ~~was~~ based on the assumption that radiation might affect heredity - which might be more acute if both husband and wife had been submitted to radiation.

The Oak Ridge response is to point at a lot of youngsters, children of the citizens of atom town. The birthrate at Oak Ridge is much higher than average - three-and-a-half times the figure of the nation at large. That <sup>by the way is</sup> because so many of the workers there are young people. There's an abundance of children - and no sign of mal-formation, not the slightest hint of any radiation effect on heredity.

Actually, the scientists point out that at Oak Ridge the people are <sup>subject to</sup> less radiation than folks at Denver, for example. Because Denver is <sup>a</sup> much higher altitude - and <sup>therefore are</sup> ~~more~~ <sup>greater</sup> submitted to cosmic radiation. I suppose. In any case, Oak Ridge is laughing at - the British Medical Journal.

## WINDSOR

In any great story, the climax may have more than one aspect. There might be, for example, a political phase. Also - the human angle. And so it is in that spectacular drama of royalty and romance, more than a dozen years ago - the abdication of Edward the Eighth. Right now, the former monarch is telling his own personal story in Life Magazine, and this week's installment, just out, brings the climax. In which those two aspects, political and human, are striking.

Edward the Eighth, sovereign of the British Empire, had to face - first the prime minister, then the Queen Mother. His momentous interview with Stanley Baldwin has been related time and again - the prime minister himself giving an account in Parliament. But, that intensely human angle of son and mother - is now described for the first time.

The Duke of Windsor tells how, immediately after his interview with the prime minister, he felt he'd better present his case to the Queen Mother at once - before she received a distorted version. So he went to

Marlborough House - and there found his sister, Princess Royal Mary, as well.

"I settled down in a chair," relates the Duke, "and told them the whole story of my love for Wallis - and my determination to marry her."

He says that neither his mother nor his sister spoke any reproof. In fact, they sympathized - but they were thrown into consternation by his declaration that, if he were not permitted to marry Mrs. Wallis Warfield Simpson, he was prepared to abdicate the throne.

"My mother," he says, "had been schooled to put duty, in a stoic Victorian sense, before everything else in life. The word 'duty' fell between us." His view was that he had no intention of shirking his duty, but merely believed that a king should have a right to marry whomever he pleased.

Then he made a request to his mother and sister. "Please," he asked "won't you let me bring Wallis Simpson to see you? If you were to meet her, you would then understand what she means to me and why I

cannot give her up."

He says he did not believe this request would be refused, but it was. The Queen Mother and the Princess Royal had no inclination to receive the American woman - who had been divorced, and could never be queen.

"They," the Duke explains, "could not bring themselves to unbend even this much - not, I am sure, because they were wanting in sympathy. But, rather, because the iron grip of convention would not release them."

Nor has it ever released them - and to this day the royal family has never consented to receive the Duchess of Windsor

## GIRL

At Pulaski, Virginia, a x lawsuit came to an incredible climax today. A paternity case - the claim being that Paul Hufford was the father of the child of a nineteen year old girl. Well, we all know that false charges can be made in an affair like that - with a telling of imaginary stories. But, today there was evidence that Paul Hufford knew the nineteen year old girl - and, on the witness stand, she gave a precise account. So precise, it sounded as if the accusation in the paternity case - must be true.

Paul Hufford listened intently - slender, swarthy, twenty-seven years old. Then, when the testimony was complete, and the charge of paternity established, Paul Hufford made one simple statement. He said: "It is impossible - I'm a girl."

The court was startled, stunned - but a medical examination proved the statement true. So now it was - Pauline Hufford, ~~who~~ related that, when she was a child, her mother dressed her as a boy - and she had been masquerading in masculine clothes ever since.

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So the lawsuit turned into a bewildering  
example of how false charges can be.

## ATOMIC

In U. S. Army circles the word is that the artillery, before long, may have - atomic shells. In Washington today, a high defense official said they are developing a type of cannon shell with an atomic war-head. None has actually been made, but the development is going on;- and, we hear about the possibility of fighter planes hurling small atomic bombs.

Top Army officers are said to look upon all this as a possible way to strengthen the defenses of western Europe. Having what the dispatch calls - "tremendous potentialities." Well, I should think it would. An Army of defense would certainly have a great advantage if it could lay down a barrage of atomic artillery shells - with fighter planes in atomic bombing sorties against invading forces.

But the new wonders go even beyond that. From Akron, Ohio, we hear of an "atomic golf ball." Technicians of the rubber industry and the sporting goods business have come up with a suggestion for the sad, sorry golfer - something to make life easier for the duffer who is



always losing the ball, slicing it off into the wilderness. At first, professors made the proposal as a joke - but then began to think about the commercial possibilities.

It's quite feasible, they say, to put a small amount of radio-active material in a golf ball. Not enough to make it dangerous in any way - but enough so that it could be detected by a geiger counter. So, when the duffer hooks a shot into the weeds, all ~~perhaps~~ <sup>he'll have</sup> to do ~~will~~ <sup>will</sup> be to scout the general vicinity with one of those gadgets that science uses to detect radioactivity. The needle of the Geiger Counter would indicate the position of the lost, radio-active golf ball - and that would be a boom for a lot of the golfers I know, including myself.

As a <sup>veteran</sup> golfer, Nelson, what do you think of radio active balls?

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