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( Secretary of Defense ~~George~~ Marshall asked Congress today for a sweeping program that would combine the draft <sup>with</sup> ~~and~~ universal military training.)

The plan would be to call up eighteen year olds and make them liable to ~~xx~~ active service for twenty-seven months. They would be given four months of military training, and then might be kept in service for the remaining twenty-three months.

However, if the present world emergency should ease off, the President could cut the period of twenty-three months, reducing it possibly to zero.

The eighteen year olds, thus drafted and trained, would ~~xxx~~ then be in the reserve from three to six years. So, the purpose is two fold - providing an immediate supply of soldiers, and assuring the nation of a large force of trained manpower in reserve. The draft-combined with universal military service.

Also, the new program would affect draftees of all ages - making the term of service twenty-seven

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months, instead of twenty-one, as at present.

One result would be to lessen the likelihood of drafting veterans, husbands and fathers. Altogether, a measure of sweeping importance, presented by Secretary of Defense George Marshall, to Congress today.

WAGE PRICE

Late news from Washington -- the proposed freeze of wages and prices for a period of thirty days has been cancelled. The plan was announced a week or so ago but now the Economic Stabilizer - Alan Valentine states that there is no staff available to enforce a wage-price freeze for thirty days. Moreover, there are "other policy reasons". So the whole thing has been cancelled.



ADD WAGE- PRICE

The thirty day control plan had been proposed by economic director Di Salle, and this evening he sat in on a news conference, at which Valentine told of the abandonment of the wage-price freeze. Valentine said that controls will be applied on a regional basis, not on a national scale. Di Salle agreed that this was "sound".

## KOREA

( In Korea, the counter-attack that recaptured Wonju - has been forced back. This occurred when a mass of ten thousand Korean Reds, backed by reserves of twenty thousand, hurled ~~themselves~~ themselves forward in a huge assault ) against American troops, reinforced by French and Dutch contingents. These, with American tanks, cut down waves of the assaulting Reds - *then* another ~~draw~~ draw back, to give the artillery a chance.

Whereupon, the (cannon hurled a rain of steel and fire into the ranks of the Communists. But they kept coming on, only to run into a cross-fire of machine-guns. -- but that did not stop them.) So the U.N. spearhead, which had driven to Wonju, was pushed back five miles - by those enemy ~~tactics~~ tactics of lurching forward in mass assaults, with no regard for losses.


( The battle was fought in a blizzard - a great snowfall in some of the wildest mountains of Korea.) Which gives a clue to a nightmare of warfare. Winter scenes that might be a dream of snowy summits and valleys - but a nightmare of white for an army

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conducting military operations.

Tough on transport, with vehicles of every sort slipping on icy roads and bogged down in banks of snow. <sup>Red-</sup> Air operations ← called off for the day - <sup>not</sup> ~~the~~ war planes grounded, ceiling zero.

As for the main force, the Eighth Army, there was bitter fighting today - also no retreat. Nobody supposes the present position represents a permanent line of defense, which they will try to hold. But the fact is that the Eighth Army has halted its withdrawal. MacArthur's headquarters reports a massing of Red forces - gathered, apparently for a big offensive.



**ADD KOREA**

The latest from Korea states that an all-out Red drive down through the middle of the peninsula seems to be shaping up - the Reds to the south of Wonju beginning an attack today.

## JETS

From London we hear that Britain may trade a number of Canberra jet bombers for American jet fighters. The Canberra is considered by American experts to be the best light bomber in the world, and our Air Forces have indicated that we may use it instead of the American B-51. So now London reports a swap of those Canberras for American jet fighters. Of these, three hundred to five hundred are said to be involved in the swap.

This word about British jet bombers is pointed up by news from the civilian side of aviation - a record ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ breaking flight by a Canadian jet airliner, flying from Chicago to New York. Time, one hour and forty-two minutes - which clips more than an hour from the usual time. Speed four-hundred-and-fifty-nine miles an hour - a record for the run. Winging along at thirty-six thousand feet, the jet airliner set a new U.S. altitude record for commercial transports.



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Also - a record for ~~the~~ rate of climb, rising to thirty-thousand feet in twenty-two minutes.

## GHOST

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In Britain ~~xxxx~~ tonight, the ghost hunt by television - was a failure. At historic Hampton Court ~~xxxx~~ they had three T V cameras, together with infra-red lighting - in the palace gallery, said to be haunted by the shade of Catherine Howard, the ill-fated fifth wife of Henry the Eighth. The bluebeard monarch had two of his wives deheaded, and Catherine Howard was one - and for years her ghost ~~xxx~~ has been a sort of national ~~xxxxxxx~~ institution in England.

But tonight the television cameras failed to pick up any sign of a spook. The attempt made a great stir, with two million T.V. viewers at their sets. But all they got was a travelogue about Hampton Court palace - no ghost.

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SINCLAIR LEWIS

It is typical, in a way, that Sinclair Lewis should end his life in Rome. There was nothing more American than the author of "Main Street" and "Babbitt" the tall gangling, freckled-faced, red-head, - brilliant conversationalist as well as writer, born at Sauk Centre, Minnesota. His fame was for satirical portrayal of the middle class in small town America. But ~~most~~ <sup>much</sup> of his active life was passed abroad, and he wrote his best known books <sup>while residing</sup> in Italy.

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During recent years, he suffered from a heart condition, and a month ago contracted pneumonia. He was in a ~~pub~~ hospital in Rome, and had a relapse today. At sixty-five -- the end of the <sup>fabulous</sup> career of the author of "Main Street" and "Babbitt".

## DOOMS DAY

Well, the world did <sup>not</sup> come to an end at Keremeos, in British Columbia. So the "children of light" have called off their vigil - waiting for Dooms Day. They blame the continued existence ~~of~~ of this planet on "outside interference," the way people kept butting in. They're angry about it, because this "outside interference" prevented - the end of the world.

The "children of light" are an offshoot of the Pentecostal Church, <sup>with</sup> with strong beliefs about the day of ~~the~~ judgment. On December twenty-sixth they gathered in a farmhouse, to await the end of <sup>it</sup> all. This they figured, would happen yesterday. Some were so sure about it, they sold their worldly possessions, at a loss.

Thirty-nine people were crowded in the farmhouse, they prayed and sang hymns, lived on brown sugar, rye bread and water, and slept in relays on blankets. Local Canadian officials declared the whole thing was unsanitary - a menace to ~~health~~

health. The Canadian Royal Mounted Police tried to do something about it. But couldn't, under the law. Crowds of curious people came nosing - the whole thing a local phenomenon.

Today's explanation was given by the cult leader, Mrs. Agnes Grace Carlson, a former Deaconess of the Pentecostal church. She says the Lord was to have appeared in a ball of fire rolling down the mountainside - behind the farmhouse. Then, from within the ball of fire, a voice would speak, announcing Dooms Day.

But all that was prevented. "Outside interference and constant interruptions" declares the Deaconess, "has spoiled our chances of receiving a message from the Lord." So tonight the world has not come to an end.

## SWITCH ENGINE

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A late story tonight gives the clue to a freak railroad accident near Herlong, California, a southern Pacific switch engine had a collision with a flat car, and the two trainmen in the cab of the switch engine were killed. Whereupon the locomotive started on a run backward, which carried it for eight miles at high speed. If this had happened on a main

line it might have caused a disaster -- but the tracks were a secondary branch, little used.

The clue is in the fact that, when the switch engine hit the flat car, not only were the two trainmen killed - but the throttle was thrown into full reverse. Which ~~sent~~ sent the locomotive running backward at top speed - with two dead men in the cab. It ran racing for eight miles, until derailed by the speed -- jumping the tracks near Wendell, California.

## ACCIDENT

We've heard of escaping death by an inch. Well, near Birmingham, Alabama, Jack Buchanan escaped death by a foot - his own foot.

He was driving along the highway above a cliff, near the crest of Red Mountain. A car came speeding around a curb on the wrong side of the road - and, to avoid a collision, Jack swung the steering wheel in a hurry. His car swerved to the edge of the cliff, got out of control, and over it went. The drop was four hundred feet, straight down - and the automobile crashed into tangled wreckage.

Then Jack Buchanan opened his eyes, coming to after being stunned. <sup>There he</sup> ~~he~~ was dangling ~~by one foot~~ <sup>- dangling by one foot,</sup> from a tree overhanging the chasm. When the car plunged, he was thrown out, fell for sixty feet, <sup>landing</sup> ~~in a~~ <sup>in a</sup> tree ~~growing on~~ <sup>growing out of</sup> the side of the cliff. One foot <sup>caught -</sup> ~~was~~ wedged in the fork of two branches, and that held him - kept him from falling the rest of <sup>the</sup> ~~the way~~ <sup>400 feet.</sup> Saved by a foot.

POEM

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At an Illinois prison, three convicts, ready to escape, celebrated their approaching getaway - with a poem. ~~One of them wrote stanzas of jubilation, with mockery for the prison authorities.~~

~~The verses may not be the perfect art of poetry, but~~  
*much*  
~~they were~~ to the point. One stanza reads:

"We could have escaped long ago  
If your deputies we wanted to fight,  
But we didn't want to hurt no one  
In Taking our unlawful flight.  
So we'll merely tiptoe out  
In the midst of this dark night."

The darkness for tip-toeing out wa<sup>s</sup> to have been last night, but the warden became suspicious - noticing that the convicts in question were doing a lot of whispering among themselves. So a search was made of their cells, and the poem was found - giving the whole plan away, in rhymes and stanzas. <sup>TR</sup> They should have escaped first, and written the poetry afterward.



DIVORCE

Here it is, and I suppose it had to happen - a television divorce. At Detroit today, Harley Grigg sued his wife, charging her with neglecting him for T.V. He says she stayed up so late at night, watching the household television set, she couldn't get up ~~in~~ in time to cook breakfast for him - which often made him late for work. He charges that, in her devotion to video, she regarded him as "an unimportant and unnecessary adjunct to the household."

To this Mrs. Grigg replied by saying:

"Mr. Grigg appeared actually jealous of the television set. When I turned it on, he'd sulk into the ~~XXXXXX~~ bedroom." Hubby seems to feel - he was cut out by T.V.

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Maybe Hubby felt he couldn't compete with those handsome fellows Milton Berle, Arthur Godfrey, Ed Sullivan - and you too, Nelson, you are one of the handsome lads of television!