

AUTO RACE

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The speed honors tonight go to a one-time roller skating champ, who now runs a skating rink at Reading, Pennsylvania. After having been a champion in the sport of going around on rollers, he thought he'd try to become a speed king going round and round on wheels - the Indianapolis auto races. Last year and the year before, he came in second. But today he had his wish - Bill Holland winning the five hundred mile memorial speedway race.

His triumph was magnificent. For one thing, he broke all records, exceeding a-hundred-and-twenty-one and-three-tenths-miles per hour, the fastest in the history of the Indianapolis track. For another thing, he beat out his old ~~pat~~ rival, Maury Rose. The last two times, Maury Rose won at Indianapolis - with Bill Holland hot on his trail. But today Rose broke down, forced out of the race by engine trouble with a hundred and twenty miles to go.

There were three accidents. No lives were lost, but there was a wild scare when Charles Van Acker of South Bend, skidded and turned over. The

driver got up and walked off unhurt.

It was a bit worse when Duke Malon's car threw off a wheel, hit the wall, and it burst into flames. Malon suffered bad burns.

That spectacular mishap was part of the bad luck which dogged the two favorite cars in the race, two low slung Novis, billed as the fastest on the track. Both had mechanical failures -- one in that flaming crash.

## EISLER

The new Soviet sponsored government of Eastern Germany started in business today - with a meeting of what the Reds call "the peoples' Congress." That's the outfit elected several weeks ago, in a totalitarian parody of Republican forms, a one-party affair, with only a single slate of candidates presented, yet a third of the voters of Eastern Germany had the temerity to vote - no! "nein!"

So today that peoples' congress met, and elected -- a peoples' council, which will be the supreme authority. The interesting part of this was - Eisler. One of the members of the new council is Gerhart Eisler, the Soviet agent who jumped bail from the United States and was turned loose in England. Eisler, still in London, is expected in Berlin in ten days.

But there was an echo today of that election of several weeks ago when one-third of the people of eastern Germany had the courage to vote - "nein". Today the Red Council adopted a Constitution, a



totalitarian affair, Soviet style. It was adopted almost unanimously - almost. There was one dissenting vote - "nein."

This was the surprise of the day, when, amid all the voices shouting "ja" one voice was heard calling out - "nein." The delegate jumped to his feet to make his vote of opposition more emphatic. Who was this bold spirit? The western newsmen over there haven't yet been able to find out.

It's a puzzle, because the members of the Peoples' Congress are the candidates who were on that single list presented to the voters by the Reds; that slate of candidates hand-picked by the Soviets. So how did they ever get on their list a fellow who today voted "nein"?

The Reds had plenty of trouble figuring out how it was that, in a totalitarian election, one-third of the voters cast ballots in opposition, and tonight they have still another conundrum.



## CONFERENCE

In Paris, things turned to normal today - Viskinsky shouting angry abuse. I suppose the sweetness and light couldn't go on forever - the conference of Foreign Ministers as quiet and reasonable as mere ordinary people talking over a matter of business.

Vishinsky today gave a complete hundred percent turndown to the proposal made by the West - that Germany be unified by the incorporation of the Soviet Eastern Zone into the new West German Government, with freedom and civil rights guaranteed. I don't suppose anybody expected Moscow would agree to this, but there might have been <sup>for some</sup> ideas ~~of~~ <sup>at</sup> basis ~~for~~ <sup>of</sup> discussion. No basis whatever! roared Viskinsky, and he hurled a diatribe against the new born constitution of western Germany, describing it as undemocratic and against the people.

In addition to which, Vishinsky promised more for tomorrow - more verbal thunder and lightning. So, after the surprise beginning of Soviet smiles and mildness, the conference of the Big Four is running

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## FACT

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from Paris. We are told that Secretary of State Acheson, attending the parley of the Big Four, has dispatched an urgent request for speed as he leads the diplomatic forces of the West, his partners are Bevin of Britain, and Schuman of France, and they want to know - how about that North Atlantic Security Pact and the armament program? You can imagine the Bevin and Schuman faces, as Acheson tries to explain a few of the intricate complications, Taft-Hartley and civil rights, that have paralyzed Congress. In other words, the deadlock in Congress is doing us no good in Paris.

So now the treaty and the armament are jumping right over the confusion of domestic politics, and landing in first place, as if by a kind of airlift. Congress will shake itself out of the paralytic stroke - though, of course, there will still be plenty of angry talk and recrimination.

Tonight, for example, a Republican blast is thundering out - the G O P national chairman, Hugh Scott, proclaiming that the series of mishaps to the

Truman program have actually been the doing of the President himself - conniving under cover. The G O P wise-man delves deeply into analysis, and comes up with the explanation that President Truman has been sabotaging his own fair deal in Congress, so that he can take it to the voters in a Congressional election next year, and sell the Truman program to them all over again.

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## ATOMIC

Tonight brings a counter-blast from Chairman Lillenthal of the Atomic Energy Commission - who lashes back with a wrathful vigor seldom displayed by a federal official towards Congress. <sup>P</sup> In the closely guarded offices of the Atomic Energy Commission in Washington, Lillenthal talked to newsmen. Tomorrow he is to appear before a Congressional committee and give answer to Senator Hickenlooper's charge of "incredible mismanagement". He says the Senator knows of the remarkable progress made in the development of American atomic weapons, and says: "There is no justification for such a vague un-American blanket charge." He accuses <sup>Sen</sup> Hickenlooper of using what he calls: "Words calculated to arouse distrust and a fear of approaching collapse."

All a prologue to tomorrow's committee appearance -- a promise of committee fireworks.

## JUGOSLAVIA

The news today sheds a ray of light on Soviet measures against the rebellious puppet - Tito's Jugoslavia. A month ago, addressing a rally of his own Yugoslav communists, Red Marshal Tito accused Moscow of trying to incite civil war inside the insurgent satellite. Which today is amplified by a description of how the Soviet people tried to incite Yugoslav officers to revolt against obstreperous Tito.

The statements were made in the official newspaper of the Yugoslav Communist party, which notes the fact that, right after the end of the war, officers of Tito's partisan forces were sent to Russia for further military training. That was when Jugoslavia was a loyal puppet - great favorite with Moscow and international Communism.

Then, when the break came, a lot of these officers went back to Jugoslavia. But, before they were allowed to leave, an attempt was made to subvert them. They were tempted with promises, offered high position - after Tito was overthrown, after a coup d'etat against

the disobedient Red dictator.

So says the Yugoslav Communist newspaper today, and gives details. The promises were made at the Timoshenko military academy, in the city of Kiev. The Deputy Commander of the School, a Red Army Major-General, is named as the one who offered the Yugoslav officers top military rank - as bait to lure them into a plot to overthrow Tito.

There is no indication that any of them succumbed to temptation and attempted any military sedition when they got home - but something like that may have happened. The only information given us is Tito's own declaration that Moscow tried to incite civil war in Jugoslavia, followed by today's account of promises of glittering reward for an overthrow of the one-time Soviet pet, who turned out to be too independent.



## URANIUM

A report from Australia tells of the discovery of material called - "highly radioactive". This - deep in Central Australia, the middle of the Southern Continent. Blistering desert, one of the most desolate areas on this earth. But now the Australian government announces that its geologists may be on the trail of a vast field of uranium - the stuff of the atomic bomb.

If this turns out to be the case, it would be an ironical twister - the most precious of ultra-modern wealth in an area singularly ill-treated by nature. In Australia, the geological forces in the immense ages of the past played a villainous trick - rearing mountains and ridges all around the rim of that great land below the Equator, so the rivers <sup>- short rivers -</sup> flow down the outside of the rim to the sea and the interior is a basin of desolation, varying from dry land fit for sheep to over-heated wastes of sand.

Hitherto there has been mighty little of anything worthwhile in the desert heart of Australia;

but they have been working one section - for mica, isin-glass. ~~So~~ That's where the new discovery has been made, geologists finding a lot of radioactivity in the rocks. Samples have been sent in, and they are believed to contain uranium. ~~But,~~ Anyway, the stuff is radioactive, and the government at Canberra is acting immediately - offering rewards to prospectors who turn up other deposits of radio-active material. Action on the trail of what is believed to be a great field of uranium.

## BOLIVIA

Reports from Bolivia give a revolutionary interpretation of the tin/mine strike that resulted in a weekend of savage violence in the murder of mining officials, including two Americans. The Bolivian government states that the wave of strikes is part of a revolutionary movement.

The weekend savagery was an orgy of horror. It happened at the Catavi tin mines, twelve to fifteen thousand feet ~~high~~ high in the Andes. Miners went on strike when the government seized and exiled union leaders, charging a plot - and strikers then seized mining officials, and held them as hostages, seven Bolivians, an Argentinian and seven Americans. They barricaded themselves - and, when soldiers advanced against them, they blew up an officer with a dynamite bomb.

Thereupon, fighting broke out - and before the strikers were routed, they assailed ~~their~~ their hostages, the mining officials - beating them, and killing at least four Bolivians and two Americans. Then the strikers fled, before the advancing soldiers.

## FUGITIVES

In Portland, <sup>Ore.,</sup> late today, the police staged a dramatic raid on a freight train in the railroad yards -- after receiving a tip indicating that two desperate fugitives from prison were hidden on the train. Armed with sub-machine guns and tear gas bombs, they searched the cars - but found nobody.

Which leaves a complete blank in today's prison break at Salem, Oregon. Two convicts escaped, Pinson and Benson, one serving a life term for the murder of a policeman, the other five years for armed robbery. They escaped by sawing the bars of a window, and then got over a wall -- fleeing as a guard shot at them.



PAULETTE GODDARD

These are times when beauty prizes are awarded on every sort of occasion, for every possible reason. There's a "Miss America," a "Miss Cotton," and I suppose the meat industry will be crowning "Miss Steak." Tonight what we have is "Miss Glamour-Back!"

The news comes from Hollywood - of course. In that metropolis of glamour they have glamorous faces. Now - the Glamour-Back! So who is the winner of the beauty contest of the southern exposure? Why, Paulette Goddard. Today acclaimed as "Miss Glamour-Back of Nineteen Forty-nine."

Not having inspected Paulette's back, I couldn't say - but the professors should know. The title is awarded by the California Chiropractic Association, specialists of the spine. Paulette Goddard has, in the words of the chiropractors "the most perfect spinal structure of any actress in Hollywood."

To which the romantic echo would seem to sign -  
"I love your spinal structure, Miss Glamour-Back." Eh --  
Nelson!