

Wed. Oct. 8 - '52, L.P. & G.

The railway disaster in Britain was a combination of horrors such as devils might have invented. At the city of Harrow, a crowded local train, bound for London, was in the station taking on passengers. Coming through was the Night Scot, the fast south-bound express from Perth, Scotland. There was a heavy fog - which, apparently, concealed a "stop" signal. The express crashed into the local, and railroad coaches were hurled in wild confusion. Five were thrown across the northbound tracks, and just then the London Manchester Express came speeding, for a second crash. A three-train collision, which piled wreckage thirty feet high.

Coaches <sup>that</sup> were hurled <sup>went</sup>, plowing through crowds of commuters waiting <sup>on</sup> the station platform. A foot bridge was knocked down and people crossing it were thrown into the wreckage. The death list <sup>is now</sup> ~~counted~~ <sup>with</sup> ~~as high as one ~~to~~ hundred,~~ three hundred injured - in the second worst railway disaster that Britain has ever had.

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## FOLLOW BRITISH WRECK

Later news tells how a score of lives were saved - by American Air Force doctors from the nearby air bases. No sooner had the news of the wreck flashed than Colonel E. S. Coler of New York City rallied all the medics he could find, and hurried to the scene. There they used Air Force emergency methods for administering morphine and blood plasma. A life-saving job so efficient that Colonel Coler received the personal thanks of the British Minister of Transport.

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## KOREA-TRUCE

(The Korea truce talks may be considered as having - ended) normally - but they can be written off for all practical purposes.

(Today the western Allies called an indefinite recess. Announcing - they saw no hope of breaking the deadlock over prisoner exchange.) They informed the Reds they saw no reason for truce teams to go any more to the armistice tents at Pan Mun Jom, where - the Allied negotiators have merely been submitted to diatribes of Red propaganda.

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## KOREA-WAR

The flare-up on the Korean war front is now concentrated at a couple of hills, which the G I's call "White Horse" and "Arrow Head". The south Koreans are in the thick of it at White Horse and today stormed their way to the top of the hill. At last reports, they were holding their own against ~~a storm~~ of Red artillery fire and "human sea" attacks by the Chinese.

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## JAPAN-PLANE

( In Tokyo, it is believed that a Russian fighter plane may have shot down an American B-29, which has been missing since Tuesday, with a crew of eight aboard. ) There is no eye-witnesses evidence, not anything direct - only <sup>what they call</sup> ~~radar~~ the blips on a radar screen

The B-29 on a routine flight was over waters off northern Japan. Radar was following the big plane, seen on the screen as a -blip. Then another blip appeared, another plane - not an American. There were no other American planes in that vicinity.

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A search was made over the sea, and an oil

slick was found on the water as though a plane had sunk there.

This was at about the position indicated for the two blips when they merged on the radar screen.

*All of which* ~~this evidence~~ is interpreted as indicating the possibility - that the B-29 unarmed, may have been shot down by a Russian fighter.

## FRANCE

( News from France pictures what might seem to be - a remarkable ~~xx~~ case of Communist infiltration in government. The French police staged nationwide raids in a dozen French cities, hunting for evidence of a Communist plot. Surprise raids, they were supposed to be - the planning and preparation a deep secret. But the Reds were tipped off, and how.

In Paris, the Chief Communist newspaper published the tip, the paper hitting the streets an hour before the time scheduled for the raids. The Red editor stated: "We are in a position to reveal that the government had prepared a new anti-Communist operation." Since ~~xxx~~ yesterday, the general information department of Police headquarters <sup>the editor adds,</sup> has been on a "state of alert". The state of alert - supposed to be top secret! When the raids were carried out the police found fire places full of ashes of recently burned papers and documents. The Reds getting rid of incriminating material. <sup>So they knew in advance</sup> ~~They sure had the pipeline~~ ~~for information about the plans of the police. - plenty of Communist infiltration.~~

OATIS

Secretary of State Dean Acheson discloses that, in Red Czechoslovakia a U.S. Embassy official has been permitted to visit William Oatis the American newsman thrown into a Communist prison a year and a half ago, on a trumped up charge of espionage.

This <sup>is</sup> only the second time that any visitor has been allowed to see Oatis - U.S. Ambassador Briggs having been permitted to talk to him last April. This time, it was the U.S. Charge d'Affaires Nat King.

~~The meeting was at the police headquarters in Prague, where Oatis told King that he was in good health. The Charge d'Affaire assured him that he was not forgotten, that the United States Government was making persistent efforts to procure his release.~~

~~King brought messages from Oatis' wife, who lives at St. Paul, Minnesota; - <sup>and he took away</sup> and received a message for her.~~

The prisoner of the Reds, it seems ~~ixx~~ is whiling away the long months of activity by studying. He has received books from the Embassy, and asked for more books all the way from treatises on musical



composition to volumes of natural science.

The question arises - does the fact that the Reds permitted the visit today indicate that they might be willing to release the prisoner in the near future?

Secretary of State Acheson says - no such conclusion can be drawn. And adds - the State

Department continues to do everything it can. *for this Assoc. Press Correspondent who was nabbed by the Reds.*

## STEEL

In Washington an announcement of the largest penalty in the history of price control. Three steel companies have agreed to pay the sum of more than a million dollars, in settlement of complaints against them.

Companies in New York City and Pennsylvania, all three closely connected. Accused of violating the ceiling on the price of steel, over-charging customers more than ten percent. The company defense was that the prices included fees to brokers and other agents. But this according to the office of price Stabilization, constituted over-charging. So the companies now pay the government a record-breaking penalty of more than a million.

## EISENHOWER

General Ike is in California where his aides are saying that he "getting ready to shoot back -- and reply to all the abuse he has been taking. Today, however, the General contented himself with calling the Truman jeers and jibes -- "unintelligent".

He was greeted by big crowds, and told the Californians - it's time for the federal government to "get its long nose out of your business".

FOLLOW EISENHOWER

( Today General Ike got the greatest reception in his campaign thus far. In San Francisco <sup>a</sup> hundred thousand people lined the streets, and cheered him on - as his motorcade proceeded to the place for his address. The downtown section was a mess of tape and confetti, as the people whooped it up for Ike.

FOLLOW EISENHOWER

Tonight, the General is charging again - that Secretary Acheson "invited" the Reds to take South Korea. Referring - to the Acheson statement that Korea was outside of the "defense perimeter" of this country. Shortly after that - the Communists moved in. President Truman has made the counter-charge -- that General Eisenhower himself advised that Korea was outside of our "defense perimeter".

Tonight Eisenhower replies - by saying that the Chiefs of Staff, of which he was one, made a secret report, a military estimate. They gave as their opinion - that Korea could not be defended, in the event of all-out war. But that, says the General, was never intended to be published, *and thus given out to* ~~information for~~ the Communists.

So he blames Dean Acheson for stating it as a diplomatic declaration, and calls it an "invitation" to the Reds.

STEVENSON

Today's deluge of scorn poured on General Eisenhower - comes from Governor Stevenson. (At Milwaukee, Adlai called the General "a fancy khaki-colored package".)

"He," said Stevenson "is for driving the Communists out of government" - <sup>and added: -</sup> "Well, who isn't? I haven't heard about anyone running on a "more Communists in ~~the~~ government" ticket, mocked Adlai.

Today in Wisconsin, home state of Senator McCarthy, he flung jeers and jibes at those McCarthy blasts against Communists.

## TRUMAN

President Truman talked farm politics today, the state being Iowa. He spoke at a "pancake day" festival at the town of Sheandoah. Where he was followed, shortly afterwards, by Senator Taft. But the two old political enemies didn't meet. Today H.S.T. ran into a bit of heckling. Cries of "I like Ike" at the "Pancake Day Festival", youngsters scattered leaflets booming Ike.

At the whistle-stop ~~at~~ of Hamburg, Iowa, a local fruit farmer, C. E. Minger, presented the President with a peck of apples. Accompanied by a message reading: "This peck of apples represents all I had left out of a bushel. The rest went for high taxes."

## CHICAGO

In Chicago, a blast charging the police with tolerating a huge crime syndicate. This emanated from Charles Bane, former Chief Counsel of Chicago's emergency crime committee called -"the big nine."

Bane pressed a proposal to compel Chicago policemen to reveal their incomes, disclose amounts of money they get. That caused an uproar, and Bane resigned.

Today, he declared: "There is in the city of Chicago" an element which carries out criminal activity on a day - to day business-like basis." He says the business consists of bookmaking, poker, dice and card games, slot machines, ~~vices~~ narcotics, <sup>and</sup> <sup>all</sup> <sup>prostitution, all</sup> under the control of the hoodlum element. <sup>That</sup> The Chicago police blind themselves to this condition and do nothing about it.

Charles Bane is a former law partner of the Democratic National Chairman, Stephen Mitchell. And his testimony carries plenty of authority.



COX-AIRPORT

Years and years ago, along with a group of Army Air Force fliers, most of them from here in Dayton, at Wright Field, I was involved in one of the most important flights in the history of aviation, man's first flight around the world. Near the end of the flight, when the globe-circling planes stopped again at Dayton, the U.S. Senator put his arm around the shoulder of one of the air men and said: "Get all the honor and anything else you can out of this, right away, because in our country no one can be a hero for more than two weeks." And it is true that we forget quickly. I have been reminded of it again today, <sup>Ohio today</sup> here in Dayton, I asked a distinguished citizen of this the air capital of America what year his neighbor Governor James M. Cox ran for the office of President of the United States. He couldn't remember. He took a guess at it, and guessed wrong.

I've heard it said that the original ~~being~~ forgotten man was either Governor Cox of Ohio

or Governor Alf Landon of Kansas, both of whom ran for the Presidency and didn't make it. (We forget our Presidential candidates as quickly as we forget our heroes.) As for Vice Presidential candidates, well they vanish into oblivion almost in the twinkling of an eye -- usually. (By the way, when Governor Cox ran for the highest office in the land in Nineteen Twenty, do you remember who was the Democratic candidate for Vice President on the ticket with him? His initials were F.D.R.!)

Here in Dayton today it was somewhat inspiring to discover that James M. Cox is not the forgotten man in his own home town. For ~~may~~ today, one of the great municipal airports of the nation was named for him. And that's a real top flight honor here at ~~XXXXX~~ the home of the Wright brothers, ~~XXXXX~~ inventors of the airplane, here where we maintain a world center of aeronautical research, site of ~~XXXXXX~~ Wright Field, largest experimental <sup>aviation</sup> field

in the world. So here's to Jim Cox who once ran  
for President of the United States and who is not a  
forgotten man.