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Molotov springs another surprise. He now says he will ~~xxxxxx~~ attend the United Nations General Assembly after all. First he said he wasn't coming.

Is he coming because Uncle Sam's Secretary of State Marshall is going to be there? Could be.

We also hear that Molotov has a surprise for the U.N. General Assembly. Maybe a way to take spotlight away from others, as he did last year when Russia proposed world-wide disarmament.

## RECONSTRUCTION

In London today John J. McCloy, President of the International Bank for Reconstruction, had some blunt, ~~down to earth~~ words for the nations of Europe. —

*TR* These nations must find their own solution to three ~~xx~~ major problems - fuel, food, and manpower. No blank checks from the bank! Europe's fuel problem, says McCloy, cannot be over-emphasized! - ~~Its~~<sup>is</sup> grave. But, if coal production can be increased to pre-war levels, a large part of Europe's industrial problems will be on their way to solution.

*International*  
The ~~bank~~<sup>International</sup> President lashed out at ~~idlex~~ idle manpower in Europe. He spoke of large pools of manpower employed in non-productive pursuits, or not employed at all - hundreds of thousands of displaced persons kept in ~~idlex~~ idleness in camps in Germany and Austria,  
Men kept in idleness draining rather than contributing to the world's productive output. And why shouldn't they work? Idleness is surely one of the most painful diseases man can inflict on his fellows.

~~McCloy~~<sup>He</sup> further emphasized that the productive facilities of Germany, particularly the vast supplies of coal in the Ruhr, must be used promptly. And he suggested a way to get that coal out of the ground ~~x~~<sup>- by</sup> ~~^~~<sup>^</sup> voluntary immigration of surplus Italian and German labor. These men to go to work immediately to produce coal to stoke the fires of <sup>European</sup> industry.

Another suggestion by the President of the International Bank. European nations ~~to~~<sup>should</sup> tackle their reconstruction production programs on a regional basis. This program, in McCloy's opinion, properly executed, could lead to a United States of Europe. If it had happened earlier, he says, it might have obviated many European difficulties before the war. Another way of emphasizing the banker's belief that every economic unit in Europe - Community, Nations, or integrated continent - can profit immediately by making the fullest <sup>use</sup> ~~use~~<sup>^</sup> of its own resources. In other words, do it yourself, instead of waiting to see what the other fellow is up to.

## IRAN

The Iranian Government riding a ~~tiger~~ tiger from which it dare not ~~dismount~~ dismount - the Soviet Tiger; with Uncle Sam on the sidelines, ready - and eager - to give a hand.

The Iranian Parliament is due to meet in Teheran, to ratify or reject the oil concession which the Iranian Prime Minister granted to the Soviet Union early last year. This concession to Iran's northern oil fields was granted to the Russians at a time when part of Iran was swarming with Soviet troops - in Azerbaijan.

~~You may~~ Remember the row in the <sup>U. N.</sup> ~~United Nations~~ General Assembly over the presence of Russian Troops in the land of the Shahs? - ~~in Persia~~ <sup>then</sup> and suddenly the Russians got the ~~se~~ concession? - ~~Although~~ Our observers were convinced that Iranian Prime Minister Ahmed Ghavam acted under duress.

Will the Iranian Parliament be strong enough now to hold off -- not reaffirm that Russian concession? Last ~~is~~ night, by way of encouragement our ambassador to Teheran, George Allen,

told the Iranians that if Iran does reject this lease of those rich northern oil fields, American will champion Iran's cause and support her right to make a free choice. But, insists Ambassador Allen, Iran must make a free choice - without pressure from anyone. That neither will we be a party to any deal to protect Britain's oil concession in South Persia; our opinion being that if Iran wants to cancel that concession - also - said to be the richest single oil field in the entire world -- she has a right to do so through the proper legal channels.

~~However, Uncle Sam is not concealing his hope that the Iranian Parliament will reject the Soviet concession. As for the British they seem to be playing a role in this drama of oil that has Uncle Sam rather worried.~~

~~For~~ The British have advised the Iranians to keep the door open for another discussion with the Russians -- if the Iranian Parliament rejects the Russian oil lease. In other words Britain appears to

favor concessions to Russia -- evidently as the price of retaining their own great oil fields in southern Iran.

In Moscow, the Soviet radio has opened a war of nerves to add suspense to this drama of oil. The Russian radio claiming that the Soviet now possesses the greater part of the world's oil reserves, an unlimited supply.

Late word from Teheran is that the Soviet Ambassador is issuing threats - a secret ultimatum to the Iranian government if its Parliament refuses to ratify the lease. This Soviet ultimatum follows the American promise to champion Iran's cause, our promise to support the right of the people of Persia to make a free choice as to whom she gives her oil.

## LEWIS

Organized labor took its first organized whack at the new Taft-Hartley labor law today. In Chicago, the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor has voted not to comply with a provision of the act requiring all union officials to swear under oath they are not communists.

William Green, head of the A F Of L was meeting with his executive council about the Taft-Hartley clause, the one reading: "No union leader shall be a Communist, when John L. Lewis tossed a bombshell into the meeting. Lewis said, in plain words: "No official of the United ~~Mine~~ Mine workers will sign any anti-Communist affidavits."

The mine leader's announcement ~~then~~ threw the committee meeting into an uproar. At first, it had been expected that local leaders of the A F of L would take anti-Communistic pledges.

The Council had gone into session early this morning, and A F of L President Green had told reporters that the anti-Communist business would be

cleaned up by noon. Then came the word from Lewis and the Council broke into heated ~~huddxxx~~ debate. Reporters, waiting in the corridors, could hear the angry arguments.

Tonight came the decision: The American Federation of Labor will not comply with the Taft-Hartley Labor Law, not with the provision of the law that makes it unlawful for a communist to hold an executive post in a labor union.

So ruled the executive council of the A F of L tonight. Which puts the A F of L in the position of refusing to abide by a law passed by Congress of the United States.

## ATOM

The University of Minnesota announces a new five-million-volt atom-smashing machine - a contraption. A million volts more powerful than any ~~an~~ atom smasher hitherto devised. With that stupendous voltage they ~~plan~~ <sup>plan</sup> not merely to split the atom, but also to shatter the nucleus.

~~well,~~ It's highly scientific; but, we can get some glimpse of what those esoteric physicists are up to. Time was, only a few years ago, when everybody gaped at the idea of splitting the atom. That utterly tiny particle was thought to be the smallest, infinitely small. But it was found that the atom consisted of still tinier particles, electrons combined with a nucleus.

So they split the atom, and that led to the bomb and this atomic era. ~~Atom splitting, in fact, became a commonplace, done as a routine thing by a machine the cyclotron invented by Dr. Ernest Lawrence of the University of California.~~

~~Some months ago, on a trip to the West~~

used to smash the atom then the nucleus by hitting them with stupendous bolts of artificial lightning. That isn't the atom-smashing way at all. The millions of volts of electricity are used to drive particles, like atoms, at high speeds - drive them so fast that when they hit other atoms these are smashed.

The difference at the University of Minnesota is this - they are going to drive <sup>the</sup> ~~the~~ nucleus of the atom, scatter nuclei at terrific speed - and, when these collide with atoms, the nuclei themselves will be shattered, smashing the nucleus.

With the five-million volts of electricity they expect to shoot the nuclei, like super-bullets, at a rate of more than one-tenth the speed of ~~light~~ light. Light rays travel at one-hundred-and-eighty-six thousand miles a second, ~~and~~ ~~the~~ the Minnesota scientists plan to hurl their ultra-tiny particles at twenty-thousand-miles-a-second, smashing the nucleus and making this atomic age still more atomic.

## YELLOW JACK

Washington announced today that the secret service has reluctantly decided that ~~"Yellow Jack" Forbes,~~ Wallace W. Forbes, hero of the Spanish-American War, is dead. For eighteen years Uncle Sam has been searching for Private Wallace, who went <sup>- absent -</sup> ~~absent~~ without leave from his post at San Francisco's Presidio. Older men at the time, knowing the type of man that Forbes was, were sure ~~that~~ he had met with foul play.

The story of those Yellow-Jack-heroes of the Spanish-American war is a romantic epic in <sup>the annals of</sup> American military medicine. ~~Way~~ Back in Nineteen ~~Hundred and~~ One, Major Walter Reed, of the U.S. Army Medical Corps, wanted to test his theory that yellow fever was carried by mosquitos. He asked for volunteers at Camp Lazer, <sup>at</sup> Havana, Cuba. Twenty men <sup>— offered</sup> responded to become guinea pigs. They were infected with yellow fever. Three ~~of them~~ died, the others fought a day-to-day battle with death, and survived.

Major Reed proved his theory; <sup>and</sup> counter

measures were taken, and the dreaded yellow fever was licked. In Nineteen-Twenty-Nine a grateful Congress voted to honor the Yellow Jack guinea pigs with a gold medal and a life pension of a hundred-and-twenty-five dollars a month.

That's why the U.S. Secret Service set out to trail Private Wallace Forbes. They wanted to tell him about that gold medal waiting for him and the pension too -- but they never caught up with him. And so, at last they are giving up, -- relectantly -- declaring that Wallace Forbes must be dead.

So the gold medal goes to a sister, Mrs. Myrtle Poole of Hollywood. As for the pension, it now amounts to thirty thousand dollars. And that goes back into the Treasury's general fund.

## HURRICANE

From San Juan, Puerto Rico, news of a tropical hurricane of mighty fury, roaring towards the northwest at unusual speed. Winds of a hundred and forty three miles an hour. A whale of a hurricane! Born at sea two days ago, tonight its right across the sea lanes between South America and the United States. So President Truman's ship may encounter it - the Missouri. Of course they are ~~kept~~<sup>kept</sup> informed of the storm's progress - from hour to hour.

When news of the hurricane was announced, a newsman contacted the General Electric scientists in Schenectady to ask if they were going to send up their B-17 - their hurricane destroyer. This plane is equipped to break up hurricanes - by using dried ice. The idea being to drop the ice into the clouds and cause a heavy fall of rain or snow, and end the big storm. But, the Schenectady scientists say they aren't quite ready. Their B-17 won't be able to go up to tackle this one - but they may be ready for the next one.

## BOMBER

Washington discloses today that Uncle Sam has a new war bird, a bomber bigger, faster and better than anything yet in the air, a six-engined jet propelled craft estimated to fly so fast that it'll be difficult for ground observers to identify it.

~~This new battle wagon of the skies, known as the XB-47; - the "X" stands for experimental, is as big as <sup>a</sup>superfort, with sharply sloped back wings and wings, and a "V" shaped tail surface, that makes it look like a giant arrow. The first time such a design - those swept-back wings that is - has ever been used on a bomber.~~

No news <sup>yet on</sup> ~~naturally~~ how fast the XB-47 will fly. All we know is that she is one of ~~the~~ half a dozen jet propelled bombers ~~our~~ our air forces will have in the air by November. One of these bombers, a ~~x~~ huge jet propelled flying wing, <sup>will have</sup> ~~with~~ eight jet engines, to push her through the sky at enormous speed.

Planes of tomorrow, in action today, ~~a heartening demonstration \* Touhy Spaatz, and his staff. The men at the head of our Air Force are keeping ahead of the times.~~

## PIRACY

Here's a story of piracy, the kind that can only be accomplished by an Irishman with perhaps a drop of Buccaneer's blood in his veins, and ~~more~~ ~~than~~ a few snifters under his belt.

Patrick Mcristle Duff is the man's name, and sure, weren't his ancestors the menace of the English coast long centuries ago? Well, in San Francisco Patrick Mcristle Duff's pirate ~~mixd~~ blood rose in direct ratio to his intake of alcohol. And last night his intake would have floated a battle wagon.

Finally Patrick, <sup>under full sail,</sup> headed for the water front. ~~Fair game there for a descendent of the Irish Corsairs, the terror of ancient seas.~~

Into the yacht harbor of St. Francis Yacht Club strode pirate Duff. And ~~Before~~ before him lay at anchor hundreds of sea-going vessels. ~~All a pirate would need, and then some.~~

From these, <sup>Patrick</sup> Duff ~~he~~ chose the "Kahana," a trim, thirty-six foot sloop with its engines still

warm from an afternoon's run. How Patrick Mcristle Duff managed the narrow harbor entrance is a mystery even he can't solve. For aboard the Kanaha he found more pirate tonic. Two bottles of bonded bourbon. Nevertheless, Pirate Duff, on his appropriated yacht, put out to sea. But a fog set in from the sea, and the fog from the Bourbon? Well, when Pirate Duff awakened, he was aground; not at any south sea isle. But on a mud flat, not far from an isle by the name of Alcatraz.

Pirate Duff isn't in Alcatraz tonight, but he is behind the bars - with a ferocious hangover. The charge: Stealing ten thousand dollars worth of yacht; a sad end for a pirate named Patrick McRistle Duff .

## CHINA

China to have an austerity program, a new slant on austerity: a government ban on taxi dancers. Also, no alcoholic drinks in the Shanghai cabarets. From now on, night spots will serve only hot or cold water -- or tea,

This measure, ordered by Generalissimo Fu Chiang Kai-Shek, is one more attempt to hold down wild inflation.

The three thousand Shanghai taxi dancers are up in arms at losing their jobs, and have petitioned Madame Chiang; pleading for her to ask her illustrious husband to raise the ban. From what I know of the General, they haven't a hope. He'll be adamant.

Meanwhile, in the north of China, a mysterious figure has appeared on the scene, dropping out of the skies from a plane, and immediately holding lengthy prayer sessions, praying for the peace of China and the end of the Civil War.

This strange person is known as the Living Buddha. Kung-Ke-Hu-Tu-Ket-Oo, they all call him.

With a name like that he should be something out of the ordinary, and he is. He dwells on a remote mountain, in distant Sikiang Province, near Tibet - where he spends his life ~~xxx~~ in prayer and fasting.

When Kung-Ke-Hu-Tu-Ket-Oo heard that China was beset by Civil War; he heard it -- somewhat late in the day, he immediately left his humble cell in the fastness of the Mountains of Central Asia, journeyed to an air field, and hied himself to Peiping; to the rescue of the ancient nation.

Kung Ke Hu Tu Ket Oo -- or Kung as we'll call him for short, is believed by the Chinese to have been born under the most peculiar circumstances. The house enveloped in brightly colored clouds as the infant drew his first breath; two large suns shining in the sky/

From then on he has had an extraordinary life; preaching and prophesying at the age of five, and interpreting the Buddhist scriptures. His fame spreading the length and ~~of~~ breadth of Central Asia -- ~~xx~~ even Inner and Outer Mongolia, always a man of mystery

And now he is praying for peace, an end to the Civil War that has defied Chiang and his Generals for lo these many years.

And that's the story of Kung-Ke-Hu-Tu-Ket-Oo.

What have you to add -- Nelson?

## LINER

From Belfast, Northern Ireland, today, we learn that late yesterday a mighty explosion ripped open the gleaming white hull of Britain's four million dollar luxury liner, the Reina Del Pacifico (Queen of the Pacific). Many of her crew were ~~ix~~ killed and more injured. No news yet of the cause of the blast, which tore out the entire engine room and turned the hull of the ship into a blazing inferno.

The luxury liner had just made her trial run, after being reconverted from a troop carrier.

British officials have <sup>clamped down</sup> ~~established~~ rigid censorship on the scene of the explosion, and warned crew members of the vessel, <sup>- which is</sup> called the most beautiful ship in the world, <sup>—</sup> not to discuss the disaster. A suggestion perhaps, that sabotage is ~~exp~~ suspected.

## LEWIS

In Chicago, John L. Lewis tossed a bombshell -- or at least a hefty lump of coal -- into the executive council of the American Federation of Labor. President William Green of the A.F. of L. and his Executive Council were considering the clause in the Taft-Hartley Labor Bill, that call on union officials to sign the affidavit that they are not Communists. It was then that Lewis made his announcement. Officials of the United Mine Workers Union will not sign those anti-Communist affidavits, said he. We are not told what happened inside the Executive Council of the A.F. of L.; but, shortly after the Lewis pronouncement, President William Green of the A.F. of L. postponed his news conference scheduled for twelve noon. At that news conference he was expected to announce the A.F. of L's decision regarding the signing of the non-Communist affidavits.

Word from Chicago this afternoon is that the A.F. of L's Executive Council is in heated debate over the signing of the affidavits.

Lewis against his mine union officials signing, because, he says - with pride, "The U.M.W. has long been known for its anti-Communist attitude." Therefore signing such affidavits would be totally unnecessary. And if John holds out, he may force the Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor to postpone action on this issue until the San Francisco Convention -- an astutue move by the man with the eyebrows, to enlist time as an aid in the Unions' battle against the Taft-Hartley Labor Law.