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HOOVER

Two ^{pieces} ~~bits~~ [^] of news came along ^{tonight} [^] which have an obvious relation to each other -- one from the United Nations, the other a statement by former President Herbert Hoover.

From the U.N., the word that the Soviet people took their twenty-third walkout tonight. ~~THE~~ Same old issue -- the Moscow demand that the delegation sent by the Nationalist Government of China must be expelled, its place given to the Communists. Whatever the right or wrong, the sense or nonsense in the matter, the simple fact is that Soviet Russia refuses to abide by the U.N. regulations and the rule of the majority. They have been boycotting one branch of the U.N. after another -- now the twenty-third walkout.

The statement by former President Hoover was made before the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, and put forth the suggestion that the Soviets and their satellits have no place in the United Nations. He pointed out that the world needs a mobilization to fight the tide

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of Red tyranny. "It needs moral mobilization against the police state of human slavery", said Herbert Hoover. Then he made this proposal. "I suggest the United Nations should be re-organized without the Communist nations in it. If that is impracticable", he went on, "then a definite new United front should be organized of those peoples who disavow Communism."

COMMUNISTS

In the Communist investigation, Earl Browder ~~as~~
~~expected~~ denies the story told by Louis Budenz. He says he
never indicated to the former editor of the Communist Daily
Worker that Far Eastern Expert Owen Lattimore was to be
considered as a Red. Browder calls the whole Budenz story ..
false.

The proceedings at the Committee hearing were stormy -
because the former head of the American Communist Party still
pledges his allegiance to Communism - although he was kicked
out both from the leadership and from the Party. So, when he
was questioned today about former government officials accused
of having Red connections, he refused to reply. - He denounced
the whole investigation as a smear. Which brought about some
angry debate - with suggestions that Browder, because he
refused to answer questions about alleged Communists, may be
cited for contempt of Congress.

~~Meanwhile, Senator McCarthy gave to the Senate a
name, which, he said, was listed by Budenz in the secret~~

NAVY

The Navy still wants that super-carrier - and tells Congress so today. Chief of Naval Operations Admiral Sherman informed a Congressional Committee that, when the right time comes, he will recommend to Congress that the ultra-ultra flattop be built. Needed to launch the Navy's jet bombers of the future, said the Admiral. He made no mention of the rumpus, in which the Navy's plan for the super-carrier was cancelled - leading to the revolt of the admirals.

PALESTINE

Great Britain today did two things - one more or less balancing the other. The London government granted full diplomatic recognition to the state of Israel. And - similarly recognized the annexation of Arab Palestine by the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan. ~~The government of Israel, itself, is not pleased with the action of Hasemite King Abdullah and his Parliament - proclaiming possession of that part of Palestine left to the Arabs by the division of the Holy Land.~~ So Britain grants recognition, at the same time - to Israel and to something that Israel does not approve of.

The question of Jerusalem is left wide open, the ~~British government refusing to recognize the sovereignty of either Israel or Jordan over these parts of the city which the two governments control, and which they claim.~~ The British statement ^{holds} ~~claims~~ that the final status of Jerusalem is up to the United Nations - which has proclaimed internationalization.

JAMES HILTON

Here in the East I have been thinking, a little, over some of the things that happened, ^{that} or I noticed, on our Western trip. And that takes me, not only to California, but also to far distant Tibet. - Those days on the Roof-of-the-World when we were recording broadcasts to send back across the Himalayas by courier and then from India by plane. Also, when we were making motion pictures in color, filming everything from yak drivers to the Dalai Lama. Young Lowell doing the camera work. These films of our trip to the mystery city of Lhasa he has been showing recently -- across the country -- and telling the story along with the color motion pictures of Shangri-La.

We met recently at a couple of places. I used to do that sort of thing, too. But seldom have I seen anything like what he has been encountering. At Los Angeles -- a record sixty-seven-hundred in his audience, with crowds turned away.

At San Francisco, the atomic scientists from the radiation laboratory at Berkeley, to his embarrassment, found the crowd had flowed over the seats reserved for them.

Whereupon those renowned lights of atomic science had to sit on the floor! -- Journeyed^{ing} to the Land of Lost Horizon with him, squatting up front on the auditorium floor. While General Wedemeyer, [^]famed Army Commander, on the Coast now, [^]and his lady, couldn't get in at all.

The title of young Lowell's film and story is "Out of This World." Obviously a lot of people nowadays are yearning for an escape from troublesome reality -- and want to get out of this world. This week, in Cleveland, Ohio, a thousand or more turned away.

In a similar crush at the Civic auditorium in Pasadena, California, there was one member of the audience more interesting, in a special way, than all the others combined. James Hilton, author of Lost

Horizon, creator of Shangri-La, who, seventeen years ago, made a sensation with his famous fiction story of mystery in Tibet. He came to see the motion picture story of the real Shangri-La. James Hilton modestly told us that not only was he never in Tibet, but he hadn't even been near the Roof-of-the-World. And there he was the other night, looking at the actualities of Lost Horizon.

I've been re-reading his book, and am amazed at how well he caught the scene and the mood of the Himalayan heights, the monasteries, the lamas, and the feeling of the occult in that realm of Buddhist mysticism. How did he do it -- never having been there?

After the show he told my son how those years ago he read all the books he could find about the realm of the Dalai Lama. Chief among these the famous, old-time travel story of the Abbe Huc, a missionary who journeyed to Lhasa a hundred years ago; a delightful account which

still holds good and true -- Tibet having changed that little.

James Hilton spoke of the impression he had as he witnessed the motion picture account of our trip.

"I had the strange feeling," he said, "that I had been there before." Well, a Tibetan lama would explain that by saying that he actually had "been there before" in a previous incarnation. With which some American mystics might agree. ~~(Also, Amaury de Riencourt, a young French traveler who has just written a book on Tibet with a fine account of his journey -- plus something of the occult and the weird, for those who believe in the occult and the weird, he would agree.)~~ But Hilton put

it this way:

"No doubt a submerged memory of the much Tibetan lore in which I steeped myself seventeen years ago, before and during the writing of "Lost Horizon." To

which he adds: "The Potala, the palace and monastery of the Dalai Lama, especially impressed me in this curious way."

Strange state of mind -- as the author of "Lost Horizon" sat watching the pageant -- scenes of the real Shangri-La.

ESKIMO

News from the Canadian Arctic - that a band of Eskimo has finally given up - surrendered. Not that those dwellers in igloos were at war with the white man - they were at war with civilization itself. All along the polar coast, the seal-hunters have been adapting themselves to the ways of the world far to the South - but not that particular tribe.

Proudly, defiantly, they stayed away from settlements of the white man, avoided trading posts, and wandered around in the remotest part of the frozen wilderness - *yearning for a Polar Shangri-la* - determined to preserve unsullied the way of the kyak, the ice floe, and the ceremonies of magic under the Aurora Borealis.

But now, alas, that's all over, and those nomad Eskimo have had to surrender. They finally met an enemy they could not cope with - hunger. *Their* ~~The~~ supplies of caribou meat gave out - the hunting bad this season. They were discovered half starved - and condescended to accept food, medical treatment, and other aid of the white man. They ~~are~~ ^{ARE} even permitting themselves to be flown by plane through the sky

to a trading post on Neultin Lake, where an attempt will be made to persuade them to engage in commercial fishing and work at a fish processing plant. Probably they'll yield to that too - those Eskimo finally compelled to bow their proud heads to the ways of civilization.

~~Speaking of civilized people -
how do the ever suave and urbane
Nelson Case,~~

GENERAL

In the British zone of occupied Germany, the news has caught up with a village pipe-maker. An aged craftsman now, turning out wares for pipe smokers; but the time was when he was a German General in command of an army and famous in war.

Only a few will remember him - von Lettow Vorbeck.

But thirty-five years ago, his name was in the headlines. In the days of the First World War, the Kaiser's Germany had colonies in Africa, and the Germans there fought a remarkable jungle campaign. Their commander - General von Lettow Vorbeck. But, in time, he had to surrender - and dropped out of sight.

In Africa he had made a hobby of a craft of primitive Africa - wood carving. So, returning to Germany, poor, he put that skill to use to make a humble living - as a village pipe-maker. This he has been doing for many years in obscurity.

Shortly after the end of the Second World War, the pipe-maker heard from his old enemy - South African Field Marshal Smuts, to whom General von Lettow Vorbeck surrendered in the First World War. Smut^s of South Africa sent him a parcel

of food. To which General von Lettow Vorbeck sent back the best response he could. Saying today - "I thought he might like one of my pipes in exchange."

So there you have the picture - Field Marshal Smuts puffing away at a pipe made by his old time adversary in the jungle war.

LOOT

In Chicago, the police have arrested the Fish, and seized a warehouse loaded with half a million dollars' worth of stolen goods. Which ~~breaks~~ breaks what they call - "the biggest fence operation in the country." ^P It was run by Arthur (Fish) Johnson, who for years ran an underworld center in Chicago - where robbers and thieves from all over the country disposed of their loot. His police record goes back to the days of Dillinger, whose contact-man Fish Johnson is said to have been. ^P The case was a tough one - twenty-five detectives on the sleuthing trail for eighteen months. They knew that burglars and shop-lifters in cities from New York to Los Angeles were selling their plunder to a mastermind and fence in Chicago; ~~They followed the trails leading to~~ ^{AND FINALLY ^{they} FOUND} that clearing house, ~~and today they've found it~~ ^{they've found it}. A warehouse crammed with an amazing assortment of expensive cameras, bales of sponges, silverware, rolls of costly cloth, electrical appliances, shotguns - and two thousand men's suits. ^{MANY} ~~Are~~ ^{with} of them with labels - "made in England." Price tags

ranging up to two hundred and twenty-five dollars.

(Chicago Police Commissioner John Pendergast says: "Fish Johnson never turned down anyone - from the biggest to the smallest thief. He'd buy anything, from a baseball bat to a steam shovel."

Today The Fish, under arrest, said to the detectives: "You fellows finally hit the jackpot." And so they did - the warehouse with half a million dollars' worth of stolen goods.)

COSTELLO

There was one event today which sounded as if it might turn out to be exciting - an appearance by Frank Costello before a Senate Committee ~~investing~~ investigating nationwide crime. Costello - headlined as the slot machine king, and often called the big boss of the cross-country racket. But his testimony today produced no fireworks.

In a flat way, he admitted to the Committee that he had once engaged in illegal bookmaking and slot machine business, this in New York and Louisiana; but ^{he} claimed that for the last five or six years he has been merely a business man with investments - real estate, oil, night club. He conceded that he owns a gambling casino, but would not say where - refusing on Constitutional grounds. He denied being a slot machine king, and said he didn't know of any nationwide racket.

The Committee is considering a bill to outlaw the interstate transmission of race horse information for bookmakers, and Costello was asked what he thought about that. He replied - it wouldn't do any good, arguing that people who

want to gamble would find ways to gamble.

After Costello left, one member of the Committee tried to jazz things up by calling him - a "glorified goon" and - a "criminal crumb." ~~But this alliteration failed to put any excitement in the appearance of the alleged lottery king and racket boss.~~

1/2 And with that alliteration we turn the microphone over to you, Nelson.