

C.I. - Sunco. Wednesday, June 5, 1946

## MARITIME

Signs of a possible compromise continue in the Maritime dispute. Today a high union official said that the Maritime groups are going to ask the Federal government to submit a compromise proposal for a settlement--to avert the strike scheduled for June fifteenth.

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## SELECTIVE SERVICE

The Senate this afternoon passed an extension of selective service which will permit the induction of eighteen

and nineteen year olds. *I spent part of the day listening to this.*  
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Representatives, which rejected the draft of youths <sup>below</sup> twenty.

Some sort of arrangement will have to be worked out the Senate

being determined. <sup>Sen.</sup> The vote to draft eighteen and nineteen year

olds was overwhelming today, sixty-nine to eight.

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## ITALY

The Republic of Italy will be formally proclaimed on Saturday. On that day in an elaborate ~~and~~ ceremony King Humbert-the-Second will turn over his prerogatives as head of the Nation to Premier DeGasper<sup>a</sup>~~i~~, who will become the first President of Italy. The new President will retain that position Ad interim, until the gathering of the newly elected Italian parliament, which will choose him to be the regular President. This is certain since DeGasper<sup>a</sup>~~i~~ is the head of the Christian Democratic Party, which won so striking a victory--in the elections of last week--as its the predominant party.

King Humbert after turning over his authority in the ceremony on Sunday will go into exile--joining his Father ~~Emperor~~ King Victor Emmanuel, in Egypt. Today Humbert sent his family to Genoa ahead of him, where they will take a ship into exile.

Thus passing ~~from~~ from its thrones the oldest ruling family of Europe, the Ancient House of Savoy--which dates back nine-hundred-and-forty-three years. It was founded by the Medic<sup>a</sup>~~Warrior~~ Warrior Humbert of the White Hand in the year ten-hundred-and-three.

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Humbert by contrast, had one of the shortest reigns as King--a King for twenty-seven days.

The fall of the House of Savoy traces, of course, to Fascism and the war. The old King, Victor Emmanuel, was blamed for letting Mussolini seize power--he said he would'nt have any bloodshed. But that is probably the lesser point in the minds of the Italian people--they, themselves, having supported Fascism, while it was successful and peaceful--Mussolini draining marshes and making the railroads run on time. Most of all, the old King was blamed for having signed the Declaration of war, which plunged his country into the abyss. He himself, was ~~anti-Nazi~~ Anti-Nazi, but he yielded to Mussolini's determination to get into the war.

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He would have been wise to have refused, but that would have been heroic, and the little King was ~~was~~ Here. So now The House of ~~gavey~~ goes the way of so many other dynasties.

The transition thus far has been peaceful, and the authorities in Rome are determined to keep it so. They have put a curb on celebrations of the Italian Republic, for fear that demonstrations may cause trouble. In Milan the Republicans planned a huge mass meeting of triumph, but the municipality has called that off. There are distinct possibilities of trouble in Italy over the Republic. This is to be seen in the character of the vote which is now virtually complete--and which can be studied. ~~The~~ Republic won by a substantial margin--twelve million to ten million. But the distribution of the majorities may have an ominous significance. North Italy voted solidly against the Monarchy right down to the area of Rome. There the King had a slight advantage, and South of Rome, including Sicily, also Sardinia, the majorities were solid for the Monarchy. So the election showed Italy divided ~~into~~ in two, north and south, an old and historic cleavage, brought into prominence again as

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the country becomes a Republic.

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## BRITAIN

Britain's debate on Foreign policy continued today, with Winston Churchill speaking his piece as leader of his Majesty's loyal opposition, --There wasn't much opposition--except to Soviet Russian. Churchill the Conservative had little but approval for the Foreign policy of the Labor government. His references to Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin were in terms of personal praise.

Of Soviet Russia Churchill stated: <sup>N</sup>early <sup>A</sup>one-third of the population of Europe is at present directed by that group of very able Commissioners of the Kremlin, who are already imposing the mighty powers of their despotic regime. It is here that the seeds of a new world war, if anywhere are being sown.

Churchill declared that the Soviets were engaged in a systematic campaign of villification against Great Britain and the United States--a campaign of insult and abuse. And this led the Churchill eloquence to some picturesque metaphor. "The American Eagle, is a large strong bird, with formidable claws. There he sits motionless, and Mr Gromyko is sent-day after day-  
to prod him, now in his beak, now in his wing, now in his tail features," *said Churchill.* "But all the time the Eagle remains quite still."

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"It would be a great mistake to suppose," added Churchill, "that all the time nothing is going on inside the breast of the Eagle".

The Churchillian oratory <sup>aroused</sup> some disturbance when the war-time Prime Minister got around to the British Communist party. He noted how during the term of the Hitler-Stalin pact the British Red<sup>s</sup> opposed the war their country was waging - until Hitler attacked Stalin. "They denounced our life struggle as a Capitalistic and Imperialistic war, Churchill declared. <sup>remember</sup> We ~~remember~~ how they did their utmost to hamper our National defense." So far as they were concerned" he went on, "We might have sunk in nineteen-forty, and forty-one and been blotted out forever as Hitler's serfs."

The disturbance was made by the Communist M.P. William Gallagher--who retorted with insulting enteries against the lacking of words applied to the British Reds.

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Our new delegate to the United Nations is to be Senator Austin of Vermont. He was today named by President Truman to succeed Edward R. Stettinius, who has resigned. Senator Austin will take his new post formally next January, when his term in the Senate expires. Meanwhile he is going to resign from the Senate to serve in an advisory capacity, devoting his entire time to the task of getting ready for the job he will assume at the beginning of next year.

Today's appointment of a Republican Senator is another sign of President Truman's effort to put American foreign policy on a Bi-partisan basis--with Republicans as well as Democrats participating.

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## **NUREMBERG**

At The Nuremberg, trial another page for history was recited today. Former German Chief of Staff Colonel General Jodl, testifying in his own behalf, gave inside information about important events of recent history.

He stated that the German General Staff did not believe that the Nazi attack on Poland would lead to a general war. Even Goering, Hitler's number two man, didn't think it would. Their belief was that the Hitler-Stalin pact would prevent a general war, that Great Britain and France would not venture to take action--not after that world-shaking agreement between Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia.

Jodl put it in these words: "The General Staff, and even Goering, thought the Soviet pact assured peace. The declaration of war by Great Britain and France impressed us soldiers who had been in the last war, as a terrible stroke.

Jodl stated further that Germany was totally unprepared for war and did not have enough soldiers or munitions for all the positions in the Siegfried Line. He intimated that Nazi Germany would have been in grave peril if the French and British had staged a drive right away--during the period of what was called "The phoney

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war." He said that the inaction of the Allied Armies, the do-nothing policy, left Hitler unmoved--bewildered.

Hitler's nerves would seem to have been in bad condition, according to the testimony of his former Chief of Staff. Jodel stated that Der Fuhrer, in planning the drive that overthrew France, kept putting it off--time and again. He delayed the date of the offensive seventeen times--because of weather.

Jodel cast illumination, too, on the question of why Italy went into the war. He said that Hitler did not want Mussolini in the conflict. "History will prove," said he, "that Italy was a burden to us throughout the war". When France collapsed, Mussolini asked permission to take what turned out to be the fatal plunge--and Hitler could not refuse, although the German General Staff was against it. He said Jodel today.

This ties in with disclosures made by the diaries of Count Ciano who at that time was Italian Foreign Minister. The Ciano diaries, recently published, picture Mussolini as not wanting Hitler to have all the victory, the Duce jealous of Der Fuhrer--and determined to share in the triumph. The triumph---that was

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destined to turn into gruesome disaster for both of them.

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He's a Republican, and was sure of winning the G O P nomination, his political success having been so bright and shining -- political success that enabled him to go into the opposition primary and win the Democratic nomination too. In this case, the C I O lost out, because Earl Warren's democratic opponent, Attorney General Kenney, had the union support.

In November, Republican Warren will run against Democratic Warren, and the victor will be -- Warren. As a political battle, it won't be much of a war -- just Warren.



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~~Mr. James~~

To the end of the election story add that Warren's

triumph, which is without precedent, immediately puts him forward as a prominent Presidential possibility. That's the prompt reaction <sup>here</sup> in Washington.

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The story of Chicago's tragic Hotel fire began on a note of joking. In the silver lounge of Hotel LaSalle, a former Marine was sitting in a booth. A waitress was taking his order for a drink. "Gee " exclaimed, the Ex-Leatherneck, "This seat feels hot".

The waitress laughed, thinking he was making a smart remark. "No" he insisted, "I'm not kidding". He got up, raised the cushion of the seat--and smoke poured out.

Then flames arose. The former Marine and several others tried to put the fire out with seltzer bottles, squirting fizz water--but the blaze rose and spread to the leather upholstery which burned with sweeping flame. And the horror of the Hotel fire was on---to take at least fifty-six lives.

One who perished was the telephone Operator, Mrs Julia Barry, who was phoning warnings to rooms. She could have got out. They tried to get her out. "No" she responded, "I'm going to stick here. Maybe I can do some good" . So she continued to telephone warnings to rooms. And later they found her body --at the switchboard.

## DERRY

In the year seventeen-eighty the twelfth <sup>Lord</sup> ~~Lord~~ Derby founded the horse race that is now England's greatest event of sports--and today his descendant, the present <sup>Lord</sup> ~~Lord~~ Derby, sustained probably the greatest disappointment in the long and picturesque history of the Derby. He is aged and failing. In his long life he has won three Derbys and it looked today as though he were sure to win a fourth.

All the horse horse Gulf Stream was off of the favorites and <sup>Gulf</sup> ~~Gulf~~ Stream seemed to be winning the race <sup>out</sup> ~~out~~ in front, almost to the very end. Then came the disappointment. Out of nowhere flashed a horse that nobody had given a chance a nag named Airborne.

Entering the Derby, Airborne was a long shot at fifty to one, and then drew an unfavorable position--on the outside. When the cry rang out "they're off", Airborne broke badly, getting off to a poor start--which seemed to apply the finisher to the horse that had hardly been given a chance, anyway. But, in the last stretch, with Lord Derby's Gulf Stream looking like a sure winner, up came Airborne, up out of nowhere--to win.

And so it was that, when King George and Queen Elizabeth received the owner of the Derby winner today, it wasn't Lord Derby who

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came forward. It was J.E. Ferguson, a manufacturer of plastics. And,

$\frac{1}{2}$  talking to their Majesties, he gave the final touch to one of the

greatest upsets in horse racing history. He told the King and Queen:

"I really didn't think Airborne would run better than fourth of ~~f~~<sup>7</sup>th".

And now what do <sup>(END DERBY)</sup> you think Hugh?