

PRESIDENT

L.J. - P. & G. Friday, Oct. 24, 1947.

Tonight, ~~as you probably heard,~~
^{tonight,} President Truman ~~spoke~~ ^{explained} over the radio ~~to tell the~~
~~why~~ ^{why} he has called the Congress of the United
~~States~~ ^{for a} special session on November Seventeenth: -
~~the purpose of this special session,~~ to draft a
double barreled legislative program to ~~xi~~ fight high
prices at home, and to save the hungry peoples of
~~the~~ France and Italy from what the President termed
"totalitarian aggression."

The keynote of the presidential speech,
~~that~~ ^{that} "inflation must be stopped before it is too late."
Mr. Truman said that U S economy is basically sound,
having been immensely strengthened in recent years.
He pointed out that the average buying power of the
American people today is forty percent higher than
in Nineteen Twenty-nine; but, he warned ^{that} we are losing
some of this gain as sharply rising prices pull away ~~from~~
~~xx~~ from income -- the moderate incomes of millions of
families, ^{who} already ^{are} the victims of inflation. The
President spoke of these families using up their
savings, mortgaging ~~on~~ their future, by going into ~~debt~~ debt.

debt, doing without the things they should have.

"Domestic prosperity ~~is~~ endangered by the threat of inflation" ^{he} said, ~~Mr. Truman~~, "and the peace of the world ~~is~~ endangered by hunger and cold in other lands." ~~He described legislation by Congress as essential, the~~ ^{The} need too pressing ~~for congressional~~ to wait until the next regular session in January.

Leading up to his program for dealing with inflation, the President ~~stated~~ declared that when so many people are not sharing fairly in ~~prosperity~~ prosperity, the road is being paved for a recession or a depression. When Congress meets, he intends to recommend measures to cope with high prices and high cost of living, insisting that "adequate measures - enacted in time -- are necessary to correct the situation." He told us that the special ~~is~~ session of Congress to be called on November Seventeenth in no way ~~is~~ reduces the necessity of continuing ^{the} ~~our~~ voluntary food saving program, and that

there will not be enough food unless we save vast quantities of grain.

The President went on to speak of the plight of France and Italy - both nations facing the coming winter months without enough dollars to pay for the food and fuel they need to survive. He pointed out that the dollars appropriated by Congress for foreign relief could not feed Europe if there was no food for the dollar to buy. "A period of crisis is at hand," he warned. "The perils of hunger and cold in Europe make this winter a decisive time in history. With all the progress of reconstruction and all the promise of future plans endangered."

The President didn't reveal just what legislation he'll ask of Congress, but he promised his program will be an all - out attempt to check inflation, high prices and the high cost of living.

U.N.

(The Soviets have added another name to their list of American war mongers - Governor Dewey of New York.) This time the namer-of-names was the U.N. Representative of the Soviet Ukraine, Manuilsky. Before the General Assembly of the United Nations he, today, repeated the castigation of other American war-mongers previously mentioned, and made that addition - Tom Dewey.

Well, it's getting to ^{be} more and more like Gilbert and Sullivan, reminding one of that ~~funny~~ famous song in "The Mikado";- "I've ~~x~~ got a little list, I've got him on my list." The villains on the list in the funny ditty includes the tiresome billiard player - who, as I recall, was to be condemned for all eternity to play ~~ix~~ his favorite game - "On a table untrue, with a twisted cue and elliptical billiard balls." So now some comic writer might add another verse to the song, naming the American war mongers. With the Soviet refrain, "I've got a little list, I've got them on my ~~ix~~ list."

The anti-American propaganda campaign conducted by the Soviets was assailed today by one of

the American delegates to the U.N. - Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
The wife of the late President was selected to make a
reply. ~~She pointed out that Russian Press and radio are
under the strict control of the Soviet Government, and
which makes what they say official.~~ Mrs. Roosevelt
declared the Moscow villification of the United States
has become what she called - serious. And she gave an
ironical picture of the kind of talk that is used
against us. "We are", said she, "bombarded with propaganda
that the ~~unlike~~ United States is dominated by Wall Street,
supporting monarcho-fascists, imperialists, cartelists,
dollar worshippers and ~~and~~ feudalists." ^{TP} Well, those are
hard names - especially monarcho-fascists and cartelists.

The Soviet blast today included such
matters as the loyalty checks now going on among employees
of the State Department. The Soviet spokesman mentioned
~~the~~ race discrimination, and climaxed with the
Congressional investigation of the Hollywood Communists.
He shouted that the hearing of the case against the
movieland Reds was persecution. He ~~says~~ ~~are~~ persecuting

people who, in his words, "dare to say one friendly word about the Soviet Union." What kind of freedom was that? He demanded. ~~To which the echo might have responded the freedom to expose the enemies of freedom.~~

HOLLYWOOD

(In Washington, the investigation of Hollywood Communism today featured Walt Disney, of Mickey Mouse fame, and Mrs. Lela Rogers, mother of Ginger Rogers, one of the most resplendent of the glamor girls of the screen. Both Walt Disney, and Mrs. Rogers, who is a long time worker in ~~the~~ the film land, agreed in declaring that the Hollywood Communists are a small, disciplined minority, with a determined plan for injecting the Red party line into ~~our~~ our motion pictures - though they don't often succeed.)

The most dramatic testimony was given by ^{Oliver} ~~Oliver~~ Carlson, investigator of totalitarianism, who in the past made headlines with exposes of Nazi scheming in this country. He has been doing the same job on Communism, ~~and~~, and today told a story of a top Communist leader sent out to Hollywood to direct the Red penetration of the movies. ^{one}

~~He~~ [^] Ely Jacobson, a charter member of the American Communist Party, a former director of the Workers' school in New York, and at one time instructor

in the University of Moscow. Ely ~~Jack~~ Jacobson was sent by the central committee of the Communist Party. Oliver Carlson stated today that back in those days, the Thirties, the Hollywood smart-set adopted a slogan, "It's smart to be a Red." He added that in movieland Ely Jacobson collaborated with a prominent editor and writer of one of our big national magazines.

Carlson told how, eventually, he had a talk with Jacobson, who said he was turning against the whole Red business." He told me," testified Carlson today, "that ~~it~~ he decided to break with the Communist Party. He was terribly agitated, ^{and} was afraid he was going to be ~~g~~ killed. Later," ^{Then} added Carlson;- "He disappeared from Los Angeles, and I don't know to this day whether he is dead or alive."

BRAZIL-SOVIET

From Moscow we have the ugly word - hostages. That's a word with a sinister ring in the history of Red revolution. So who now ~~xxxx~~ are the Soviets holding as hostages? The Brazilian diplomats who represented their country in Moscow until the diplomatic break the other day between the biggest of the American Republics and Soviet Russia.

The Moscow radio reported tonight that the former Brazilian Ambassador and his staff were being held as hostages for the safety of the Soviet Embassy staff at Rio. Moscow declares that Brazilians have been making attacks on the Soviet Ambassador with stones and rotten eggs. Soviet diplomats and their families have been targets of such assaults, ~~and~~ ^{with} the Brazilian government ~~is~~ accused of encouraging the rocky and odoriferous barrage.

This charge was echoed before the United Nations today, a ~~Moscow~~ Moscow spokesman declaring that the ~~Soviet~~ Soviet Embassy in Rio was being thus assailed by what he called hooligans. He added: "Brazilian police on duty at the Embassy encourage ^{attacks from} these hooligans." ~~attacks~~

And I suppose you would have to be a hooligan to rotten-egg an Ambassador; although I have pleasant childhood memories of that amiable boyhood cartoon - strip friend, Happy Hooligan. I'm sure Happy Hooligan never rotten-egged an Ambassador.

RUSSIAN VISITORS

From London we have sad news about the party of eight M.P.'s that went to Soviet Russia to have an interview with Stalin. Three have come back bruised and battered. Eight labor party members of Parliament journeyed to have a talk with the Generalissimo ~~of~~ of the Reds, and find out what the Soviets were up to. One returns with a bandaged hand, another with a bandaged leg, while a third comes home on crutches.

The major mishap occurred to Ben Parkin, M.P. - though not the most serious physically. He slipped on Stalin's rug. It must have been an astonishing thing to behold, virtually an international incident. The labor members of Parliament visited Stalin at his summer place in the Caucasus, overlooking the Black Sea. The floor of the guest house, where they put up, has a rug, and you know what a treacherous instrument of death and disaster a rug can be - on a slippery floor. Ben Parkin, ^{Laborite} M.P. stepped on that Stalin rug, and - zing, the rug slipped, his feet went up, and he landed on his neck. He was lucky that he didn't break his leg. As it was, his

hand took the brunt of the calamity so badly bruised and bent that Soviet medical attention was necessary.

So when the party of M.P.'s was admitted into the presence of Stalin, Ben Parkin had his hand in a big bandage. What did Stalin say? That's what irks Ben Parkin, M.P. Today he said that Stalin, seeing the bandaged hand, made no comment whatever. "So," reasons Ben Parkin M.P. "There must be lots of his visitors who slip on that blasted rug."

Well, we wouldn't want to accuse Stalin of planting that rug for the downfall of his house guests although many ~~of~~ who have a lot of guests, might be ~~tempted~~ tempted to some such strategem. I don't want to suggest any ideas, but a nice tricky rug on a slippery floor, might ^{come in handy,} ~~do one's heart a lot of good when some of those guests go stamping around your place.~~ The ideal thing would be to have a peep-hole through which you could watch, when ~~something happens~~ something happens like what happened to Ben Parkin M.P. when he visited Stalin. However, I don't suppose ~~that~~ Stalin has any peep-hole

in connection with his trick rug.

The other two injured M.P.'s encountered mishaps of a different kind. The one with the bandaged leg came to grief when he played in a soccer game with Soviet football kickers. Arthur Allen, M.P. fancies himself quite an athlete and he tried to show the Soviets how ~~the~~ good old ^{Soccer is} ~~association game~~ was played in England. I don't suppose there was anything political about it, but the M.P. got roughed up a bit in a friendly proletarian way. The fact that he comes home with a bandaged leg might indicate that he got a ~~Marxian~~ kick in the leg.

Henry White M.P. is the most seriously ~~inix~~ injured of all - coming back to England on crutches. ^{White M.P.} ~~He~~ was hit by a Moscow street car.

Altogether, it was a most successful interview ^{for} Stalin - with emphasis on the M.P. who slipped on Stalin's trick rug.

REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

From Columbus, (Ohio Senator Robert A. Taft announces himself as a candidate for the Nineteen Forty-Eight Republican presidential nomination.) Taft told the press conference that he will not take an active part, but, he "might" seek delegates to the National Convention at the preferential primaries.

He says he has no intention of entering the Oregon or Wisconsin primaries, but that the Taft Campaign Committee may find it desirable to enter the primaries in some states in which there are no active contests.

The Ohio Senator avoided all questions on the strength of presidential candidates and wouldn't say whether he had discussed a possibility of a Taft-Stassen ticket with the former Governor of Minnesota. In short, the only thing he would admit was that he has tossed his hat in the ring for the presidential nomination.

FIRE

In Maine, ²⁵ fashionable Bar Harbor is a scene of ruin and desolation. Everything burned out, except the business section - which somehow escaped the ~~xx~~ rage of the fire that destroyed the residential section of Bar ~~xxxx~~ Harbor and a whole string of millionaire estates. At least ten lives were ~~ix~~ lost, and the damage is above ten million dollars. ^{TR} Thirty-five hundred residents of Bar Harbor were evacuated by water, in ~~xxxxxx~~ scenes reminiscent of the British evacuation of Dunkirk. ^{TR} Tonight the worst forest fire that Maine has ever had, appeared to be under control - unless there's a bad shift ~~of~~ the wind.

PLANE_CRASH

About the crash of the big airliner that caught fire over the wilderness of southern Utah; there were no survivors. The story is one of a pilot of iron nerves, who almost saved his burning plane. He kept in radio communication to the last minute -- flashing a series of messages which told how fire had broken out in the rear of the plane, and the tail was burning off. Pilot E.L. McMillan said he was trying for an emergency landing on an air strip near Bryce Canyon. Thought he might make it. He almost did; the plane crashing within a mile of the air strip. Fifty-two killed.

WRECK

Near London, there occurred today one of the most fantastic and terrifying of disasters - a train wreck with a horror of electricity. Twenty-nine passengers ~~were~~ killed - most of them victims of the electricity.

It was because of London fog - the British capital having a series of its notorious pea-soupers. Today an electrified passenger train from Brighton was halted just outside London in blinding fog. Another train, fog blinded too, came rolling, and ~~it~~ ran into the ^{rear}~~front~~ of the electrified train.

Collision and crash - but there was more than that. A blinding glare of electricity flashed, like a portent of ~~the~~ unearthly horror. The two rear coaches of the electrified train were ripped open. Their floors were torn apart, and ^{the} passengers dropped on the electrical power line below - the third rail.

In the ~~ix~~ long grim history of train wrecks, there has never been tragedy so weird.

SUN SPOTS

Once again we are warned about - sun spots. We are told that during the next few months there'll be the greatest outbreak of solar disturbances since the American Revolution.

It appears that the heroic days of Seventeen-Seventy-Six were also the time of climax for sun spots -- when the Patriots fought at Bunker Hill, and Washington crossed the Delaware. Yes, those were Star-Spangled years - also sun spotted years. And now we are in for another similar period; which news is accompanied by reminders of how strangely those cosmic disturbances appear to affect the affairs of human life on this planet of ours.

Today's word comes from a scientist in Chicago, Dr. Willaim F. Petersen - who explains that sun spots are tremendous electronic storms and atomic explosions on the sun, which hurl electro magnetic tempests through space. These hit the atmosphere of the earth, and produce all sorts of electrical effects - playing

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tricks with the weather, and doing things to the oxygen of the air. Which affects the health, the temperament, ^{and} ~~the~~ the conduct of us human beings.

The Chicago scientist, who has made a study of sun spots & with relation to human history, discloses a whole series of coincidences - dramatic historical events occurring at times when solar activity was at a maximum. Our American Revolutionary War - and ~~the~~ then later the French Revolution occurred when the face of the heavenly orb developed a lot of freckles. The same with the opium war in the far east, and there was a rash of sun spots in Nineteen Fourteen, when the ~~the~~ First World War broke out. The next big sun spot period coincided with the stock market crash, the beginning of ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~big~~ Depression; - also the rise of Hitler. The last cosmic disturbance was eight years ago - and World War Two broke out.

So now we're moving into another cycle of sun spots - which will according to scientific forecast be the greatest since the American Revolution. So what &

have we to expect? New turmoil, some new dramatic events in history?

Here's another thing that happens when the glowing face of the sun breaks into a rash. Statistics show that during a cycle of sun-spot-activity, there's an increase in the number of -twins. Another thing to anticipate during the new solar upheaval; twins!

Do you hear that, Nelson? Twins!