

WAR

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By now you probably have heard that

~~There is an alarming rumor in~~ Tokyo - that war, in

Asia, may break out within weeks. An opinion - attributed to American military and diplomatic officials. Who - are said to have warned Washington that the Chinese Reds may force the issue in the near future. ^PThat, they say, is why Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, in his radio-television address last night - gave notice that acts of Communist aggression, in the Formosa crisis, would bring swift American retaliation. In Tokyo, the view is that, if war out there were to begin - the United States would use atomic weapons. But, limited strictly to military objectives.

It isn't clear how much these alarming reports may mean. But, on Formosa, American military leaders are quoted as saying - that April may be "the month of decision." They believe the danger of a large scale conflict is inherent in any Communist move to seize the Matsu or Quemoy Islands.

The Chinese Red Radio, meanwhile, has issued a

truculent warning - concerning a Finnish tanker bound for the Communist mainland, with a cargo of oil. Said to be - jet fuel. The Finnish tanker picked up the cargo in the Red Romanian oilfields, and the supposition is - that Nationalist warships may intercept the vessel. The Red Radio says that, if so, "the United States must assume full responsibility."

HUNGARY

Events in Red Hungary - seem to be following a pattern

~~The~~ Premier Nagy - marked, apparently, for a purge. Denounced by the Central Committee of the Hungarian Communist Party - as a "Right deviationist." Meaning - too conservative. Nagy, having advocated the manufacture of consumer goods. Better living conditions - for the Hungarian people.

The pattern is that of - Malenkov. Who, in Russia, likewise proclaimed a policy of light industry, more goods for the people. Ousted. - ^{followed by} ~~with~~ a reversal of his plans. The Soviets now concentrating on heavy industry. What they need - for armament.

Malenkov, instead of being shot like Beria, was merely demoted. So now it remains to be seen what will happen to Nagy. His condemnation by the Central Committee of the Hungarian Communist Party is mighty severe. He's called - "anti-Marxist." Than which - there is no more heinous crime among the Reds.

ATTLEE

In London, the report is that former Prime Minister Clement Attlee said: "He goes, or I go." The Labor Party leader referring - to Aneurin Bevan, the anti-American stormy petrel of Labor. *P* Last night we heard how a Labor Party meeting had been called - to expel Bevan. Following - his contemptuous defiance of the Party leadership last week. *Which* ~~this~~ angered Attlee and his chief lieutenants - like former Foreign Minister Herbert Morrison. ~~Who made a drastic decision. Attlee saying - "He goes or I go."~~

The showdown meeting was to have been held today - but Aneurin Bevan was reported sick, unable to attend. So the expulsion has been put off until next Wednesday. Giving Bevan and his henchmen - a week of grace. In which - they will try to avert the Party heave-ho.

ATOMIC

Here's a story of the adventures of - an atomic cloud.

The one that soared aloft in the blast on the Nevada desert, ~~on~~

of this week.
Monday, There was no fall-out, apparently. No radioactive dust - showering down. Elaborate precautions prevented that.

The scientists kept a careful check of the mushroom shaped cloud - which rose to forty thousand feet. So now - quite a travel story. Three, in fact. The cloud - having broken into three parts. One of which - is now sailing out over the Atlantic.

The top of the mushroom, at forty thousand feet, was caught in a strong westerly wind, and went speeding across Arizona and New Mexico. Trailing out into a thin line, it sailed all the way to South Carolina. Crossing the shoreline - yesterday.

— one section of it —
The lowest part of the cloud was at an altitude,

where the wind was blowing - the other way. So it ~~was blown~~ went across the mountains into California - where it was blown to the north. Then, caught in contrary winds, that part of the atomic

cloud was dissipated.

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SPEED

The trans-continental speed record was broken today. Three times - in swift succession. Eight U.S. Air Force jet fighter-bombers took off from Los Angeles, and flew to Brooklyn. Five landed before they got there, not finishing the race. The other three - each broke the record.

Speediest of all was Lieutenant Colonel Robert Scott of Las Vegas, who flew from Los Angeles to ^{Floyd} ~~Fort~~ Bennett Field, in Brooklyn - in three hours, forty-six minutes, thirty-three and three-fifths seconds. The old record, made in a jet plane, was more than four hours and six minutes.

Age of speed - is right. Nearly twenty-five hundred miles - at something like six hundred and fifty miles an hour!

STOCKS

At the Stock Market investigation, today, a top ranking Wall Street broker said he is against legislation to curb speculation. Winthrop Smith, Managing Director of Merrill, Lynch, Pierce, ~~F~~^ranner and Beaveⁿ. Who argued as follows: "It is pretty difficult to legislate against frenzy or fools to protect them."

He didn't think security prices were too high, and said the recent rise - was due to confidence in business conditions.

Winthrop Smith said, likewise - he didn't think the present Congressional investigation was the cause for ~~the~~ the Wall Street slump yesterday. (~~When stocks took a tumble.~~
~~Which opinion was echoed by Henry Ritter, President of the National Association of Manufacturers. He doubted - the Senate inquiry could have more than a passing effect on the Stock Market.~~)

The decline continued today. Shares dropping - from one dollar to seven dollars. Trading so heavy - that tickers

were clogged. But, then, in the last few minutes, there was a reaction - an upswing. Wall Streeters think the market was reacting to statements about the danger of ~~the~~ war.

MONTGOMERY WARD

The battle for Montgomery Ward & Company came to a new climax today - with the appearance of financier, Louis Wolfson, in Chicago. Home - of the great mail order firm. Wolfson faced a group of more than two thousand stockholders - ^{who} ~~to~~ question^{ed} him about his campaign to get control of Montgomery Ward.

Wolfson told them he has already spent three hundred and fifty thousand dollars in his knock-down, drag-out financial battle with Sewall Avery, the eighty-one year old Chairman of the Board. ~~Wolfson said~~ ^{And added -} he's prepared to spend "much more."

Wolfson, today, fired ^a ~~7~~ broadside of full page advertisements in all Chicago newspapers.

TAXES

The Democrats in the Senate have agreed on a compromise income tax cut. Which would benefit the lower brackets of taxpayers, chiefly.

The House passed a bill - giving a tax reduction of twenty dollars for each person and each dependent. Which - ran into heavy Senate opposition. The compromise, reported in Washington today, would give each taxpayer a twenty dollar cut, but not for his wife. And - ten dollars for each dependent. This - with provisions that would benefit, mostly, persons earning less than five thousand dollars a year.

HARLAN

The Senate Judiciary Committee has okayed John Marshall Harlan - as a Justice of the ~~Supreme~~ Supreme Court.

The nomination - made by President Eisenhower, has been hanging fire ever since last November. Opposition to Harlan - centering around his alleged internationalist opinions.

The Committee voted - ten to four, to approve. Final action in Congress - expected late this week. With confirmation - probable.

CHILDREN

In Chicago, Louie Beltzer, a news vendor, is in a hospital. Injured - when an oil heater in his outdoor news-stand, exploded. Louie was well known in his neighborhood - on Lawrence Avenue. Not so popular. An old fellow - with a gruff manner. He seldom smiled. His face - grim, forbidding. Never a cheery "Good Morning." Just ~~agr~~ a growl or a grunt - or a deadpan silence.

The hospital reports - a deluge of telephone calls: "How is Louie?" People - worried about him. A collection has been taken up - three hundred dollars to defray Louie's hospital expenses.

Lawrence Avenue is a busy thoroughfare. The news-stand at an intersection, where children cross, going to nearby schools and playgrounds. A bad spot - for the kids. Louis may have been a sour, unfriendly character with his customers, but his habit was - to help the children cross. Every day, he spent part of his time - leading them across the Avenue.

It was the school children who started the neighborhood wave of concern - for Louie.

At the old town of Hemel Hempstead, just north of London, they've made a discovery - concerning Henry the Eighth. A legend - investigated, a romantic story of the times of old.

Back in the Fifteen Thirties, Henry the Eighth occupied a house at Hemel Hempstead. Nearby, dwelt - Anne Boleyn, the maid of honor with whom the King was infatuated. The legend says - a tunnel connected the two houses. Henry the Eighth - making his way through the tunnel, for secret visits to Anne Boleyn. Eventually, he made her his Queen. Then - had her beheaded.

Recently, the City Council at Hemel Hempstead thought ~~through~~ - they'd look into the old story of the secret royal visits. There's ^a tunnel, all right! and it was investigated. So now they report - the ~~legend is false~~ legend is false!

At one point, the tunnel narrows down, until it's only eighteen inches high. Henry the Eighth was a portly monarch - massive and fat. He could never have squeezed through ~~a~~ a space of eighteen inches. The tunnel, apparently, was for draining off rain water.

JERICHO

Here's news about - the Walls of Jericho. Remember how, ~~in the Bible~~ Joshua had the children of Israel march seven times around the city, ~~and, on the seventh time~~ ^{Then,} they shouted and blew trumpets. Whereupon, the Walls of Jericho - fell down.

~~Walk, the town of Jericho, till exists and~~

P Archeologists, British and American, have been excavating, ~~there~~. Digging down - into one Jericho after another. A series of ancient cities ~~← having existed at that place~~ ^{there.} Twenty-three cities, of which ruins have been found, one below the other.

Today, the New York Times tells how they ~~archeologists~~ have now reached bed rock - fifty feet underground. There - the remains of a Stone Age village. Dating back - seven or eight thousand years. That was - the first Jericho.

Part of the way down - remains of the Jericho of Joshua's time were found. The foundations - of a house.

But what about - the Walls? Not a trace - no sign of those most famous of Walls.

They must have been constructed of mud brick - say
the archeologists. Disintegrating - washed away by rains.
Or, maybe, when Joshua had the children of Israel shout and
blow trumpets, the Walls of Jericho fell so flat - they
vanished.

1/2 When Joshua fit the battle
of Jericho! Jericho! And the
walls came tumbling down!

INDIA

India is having an epidemic - of marriages. All over the great subcontinent - a rush of weddings. Newspapers - carrying long columns of marriage announcements. In the state of Delhi, the local parliament is having early adjournments - to enable the legislators to attend important weddings.

So why the sudden boom of romance in Hindustan?

Answer - the stars. The constellations - and the planets.

Recently, the Hindu astrologists made an announcement. Beginning March Thirty-First, the stars will be unfavorable - for marriage. "Black months." The planets - "maladjusted." Hence the rush to beat the astrological deadline.

Hugh, wasn't it King Lear who said: - "The stars above us govern our conditions?" or do they?