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WAR CRIMES

(In Tokyo General Douglas MacArthur has passed on the death sentences decreed against six Japanese war criminals - headed by Tojo, the Pearl harbor premier.

MacArthur upholds the death sentences, and orders them to be ~~xxx~~ carried out.)

His pronouncement, as cabled from Tokyo tonight, states the following: "No human decision is infallible, but I can think of no judicial process where a greater safeguard was made to evolve justice."

His declaration concludes; "I therefore direct the Commanding General of the Eighth Army to execute the sentences as pronounced by the tribunal."

The date of the executions still remains to be announced, In Tokyo there is a surmise that the date may be December Seventh the Anniversary of Pearl Harbor.

SUBSTITUTE LEAD KING

The London word is that the illness of King George is grave enough to affect him for the rest of his life. Informants at Buckingham Palace declare that the malady of arteries and circulation is such that he will have to take great care and not exert himself for the remainder of his days. Even when the exceedingly painful trouble which affects his right foot has cleared up, he will never be able to go on so long and strenuous a tour as he had planned in the near future -- Australia and New Zealand.

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The news has been speaking of the malady as having been caused by -- "a blood clot." But today sources close to Buckingham Palace remarked that this was not necessarily the case -- not necessarily a blood clot. London observers note that the bulletin issued by the physicians makes the specific statement that the monarch's general health is good -- "including," as the bulletin emphasizes, "the condition of his heart."

Actually, that medical report dates back to Thursday of last week; but the illness of George the Sixth was kept a deep secret -- because it necessitated a postponement of the scheduled royal visit to Australia and New Zealand. It was felt that nothing should be made

public, until the governments of those dominions had been informed -- and a joint statement worked out.

The word in London today is that the King first realized that something was wrong a little more than two weeks ago -- November seventh. That was remembrance day -- on which Britain pays honor to the war dead. The King presided at the London observance, and stood stiffly at attention -- in the rain. The London weather was bad. But it is the duty of a king to cut a royal, dignified figure, under all circumstances -- and George the Sixth stood with rigid formality, while the rain came teeming down. Afterward, he felt a numbness in his right foot.

Two days later, he told Queen Elizabeth that the numbness was increasing, the foot losing all sense of feeling. He thought it was merely the result of that wet weather ordeal, and did nothing about it for some days more. But the condition did not improve, and the court physician, Sir John Weir, was called in. He examined the king's right foot, numb and without feeling, and immediately summoned specialists.

They made a thorough examination and study, and gave a full report -- that was last Thursday. They presented their medical finding to Queen Elizabeth. She immediately informed Princess Elizabeth -- and mother and daughter were in tears, realizing how serious the King's illness was. Princess Elizabeth, herself, was then recovering from the birth of the royal baby.

The news was a sensation in London today -- with messages of sympathy pouring in at Buckingham Palace. In Parliament Prime Minister Attlee and leader-of-the-opposition Winston Churchill paid glowing tribute to George the sixth, who has been so earnest and unflinching in the performance of kingly duties. During his twelve years on the throne, he has never cancelled an engagement, has never failed to make an important appearance, until now. He does so now because of illness contracted when he stood so long at attention in the rain, on Remembrance Day.

PALESTINE

News from Palestine tells of a jail break -- important because the escapers are terrorists arrested after the murder of Count Bernadotte. They fled from a prison near Haifa, None of them recaptured -- according to the news thus far.

After the U. N. mediator, cousin of the King of Sweden, was assassinated in Jerusalem, the crime was admitted by the Stern gang -- the most extremist terrorists of the Jewish underground. The Government at Tel Aviv, expressing its horror for the crime, made a round-up of arrests -- seizing Stern Gang members.

Since then we have hear little about the proceedings to bring the killers of Count Bernadotte to justice. But now we are told that fourteen of the arrested Sternists were imprisoned in the jail near Haifa -- and have escaped. The police of Israel, in announcing this, give no details of what happened -- how the fugitives got away.

CHINA

(In China -- the Communists have driven to the Grand Canal. Forces of the Reds have reached that historic waterway, Southeast of Peiping)-- the Grand Canal, constructed by the old time Emperors of China in ~~the~~ centuries past, when the dragon throne represented progress and great works of engineering.

In the present day Civil War the Communists control a belt of territory that separates the Northern Chinese area of Peiping and Tientsin from Central China, the Valley of the Yangtze. Hitherto, the news has featured Red advances toward the Yangtze, the Shanghai-Nanking line. The battle in that area still goes on -- with new conflicting victory claims issued by both sides in the conflict for the railroad center of Suchow.

But the Reds are now striking in the north, as well. They are advancing against ^{*the terracing walled city A*} Peiping, one-time capital of China -- their forces today reaching the Grand Canal of the Emperors of the dragon throne of old.

SUB INCIDENT GERMANY

Tonight we have the facts about the incident in Germany - American soldiers shooting at Soviet-German policemen.

In Central ~~Germany~~ Germany two members of the Red police, crossed over into the American zone - at a place where American constabulary troops happened to be holding maneuvers. Encountering the Americans, the two policemen were ~~ordered~~ ordered to halt. Instead, they started to run. The Americans fired warning shots over their heads. One policeman turned and pointed a weapon - and that caused the American shooting to become the real thing. The *red gendarme* ~~man~~ fell, with riddled legs, and was taken to the American zone hospital.....

PROPAGANDA

Here's news for what Moscow calls - "Millions of American Slavs." They're to have a regular series of Red Propaganda broadcasts. This is disclosed by government monitors in Washington, who have picked up a Moscow announcement.

The Soviet radio has scheduled one short wave broadcast a week, beamed to this country and meant for what Moscow designates as "Ukrainians, Poles, Czechs, Bulgarians and Serbs, in the United States," people of that ancestry. The most interesting group should be the Poles, as well as the largest - Americans of Polish descent. From what I know of them, their reaction to the Soviet propaganda should be interesting to listen to.

The Soviet short wave broadcasts will be on the air every Thursday, seven p.m. Eastern Standard time. Washington makes a special mention of this hour - so that "Millions of American Slavs" won't miss the messages from Moscow.

LABOR

The Convention of the C I O in Portland, Oregon, today heard the Secretary of Labor, Maurice Tobin, on the subject of the Tait-Hartley Act. Tobin told the delegates that the labor law ~~is~~ to which there was so much union opposition would be replaced by something else. "Something fair and just" said he. But he refused to give any ~~is~~ pledge that there would be a return to the old Wagner Labor Relations Act. Which would seem to indicate that the new legislation will be something between the Tait-Hartley Law and the Wagner Labor Law.

RATIONING

From Washington - a hint that President Truman will ask for price control and rationing. This emanates from Chester Bowles, one time price fixer and rationing boss of the O P A - who was elected Governor of Connecticut in the recent election. Chester Bowles had a chat with President Truman today - and upon emerging he intimated that the President will take vigorous action to combat inflation. One angle would be the price control - rationing program which the President vainly asked the Eightieth Congress to enact.

SLAUGHTER

News from Washington tells of the indictment of former Congressman Slaughter of Missouri -- that same Congressman who figured in a lot of controversy involving President Truman. When he served Congress, he was a bitter opponent of Truman policies, and the President intervened to bring about his defeat in the Missouri primaries of Nineteen Forty Six. (The White House gave support to an opposing candidate who ran in the primary -- and thereupon lost the election. All of which brought about noisy charge and counter-charge -- the White House purging the Congressman.)

His indictment, announced in Washington today, alleges violation of the lobbying law. A Federal Grand Jury hands down the charge that Congressman Slaughter tried to influence legislation in behalf of western grain interests and was paid large sums for this -- without registering as a lobbyist, as required by law. So now, -- indicted.

Late news brings a reply from the accused former Congressman, who says "The charges are false, fraudulent and politically inspired."

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HOOVER

Former President Hoover states tonight that his Federal Reform Commission will recommend ways to save two hundred and fifty million dollars a year by cutting red tape in the government system of purchasing. This will be a major point in the program the Hoover commission is about to submit for federal reorganization. The former President says that federal purchases are bogged down in miles and miles of red tape which need to be cut - for a saving to a quarter of ^a billion dollars a year.

He said that ~~the~~ government agencies pass out some three million purchase-orders a year, and half of these are for ten dollars or less. The paper work for a single item ~~xxxx~~ costs more than ten dollars. It may take ten dollars worth of bookkeeping to buy a dollar worth of pencils!

TRUMAN

here's doing a job for the President - passing along a reply that he feels he himself should write. But he can't do it -- there are too many replies.

President Truman has received a deluge of congratulations on his election victory - more than fifty thousand letters and ten thousand telegrams. It is a bi-partisan assortment, with Republicans applauding that Truman knock-down political fight and surprise victory. "The President would like to answer each one, but explains: "It would be impossible to send individual acknowledgments without slowing down the necessary day by day work of the White House." So he ^{asked} ~~ask~~ press and radio to convey his reply.

And So here's doing it -- from this angle, of the radio: To all of the fifteen thousand who wrote, and the ten thousand who wired -- President Truman says: "Thank you, it was very kind, I deeply appreciate your good wishes." ^{TP} ^{all of} which is the first time I ever had a chance to speak as the voice of a President.

RAINMAKERS...

The air force gives a report on its rain-making experiments - that much talked of idea of creating artificial rain. So whats the optimistic verdict? Well, the air force experts declare doggedly that they have not given up hope. For two years they've been sending airplanes to scatter dry ice on rain-clouds - the theory being, the dry ice will "seed" the rain clouds, and precipitate a downpour. But all they know is this:- The experiments have not shown conclusively - that it cannot be done. So they're going to keep right on - trying out that rain magic with dry ice.

Actually, that weather witchcraft has not produced anything more than a gentle dew-^{--- nothing}not that they can be certain about. In some cases, when a plane "seeded" clouds, it did start raining. But the scientists explain that a shower was in the making, and it probably would have rained anyway.

COLLEGE

At Amherst College tonight they went ahead and inducted a Negro into a Greek letter fraternity. There was a national argument when the Amherst chapter of Phi Kappa Psi pledged Thomas W. Gibbons, Negro of Evanston, Illinois. The chapter was suspended by the national board of the Greek letter fraternity - which the Amherst group proceeded to defy. They declared their independence, devised a new secret initiation ceremony, changed their name to Phi Psi, and tonight initiated the Negro student.

All of which coincides with the selection of a Negro as captain of the Yale football team -- fleet foot Levi Jackson -- the first Negro football captain the Ivy League has ever known.

SUB LEAD BREEN

Singer Bobbie Breen admits that he was "negligent," but he denies that there was any publicity angle in his disappearance - the disappearance that caused a big time search by air and through the snow in the northern woods of Wisconsin .

Today Wisconsin officials, who toiled through the frozen wilderness on a wild goose chase made wrathful accusations of - a hoax, publicity stunt. ~~Breen was found in a resort hotel, where he had been stopping, etc etc~~

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They found Bobby Breen. The one-time child singer, who was lost in the North Woods of Wisconsin. He had gone on a hunting trip by plane, and it was feared that he had crashed. So a big-time search was made, by air and on the ground through the snows.

But now Bobby Breen has been found -- and is there rejoicing? Are there congratulations? Not at all. There are growls of wrath instead. Wisconsin officials claim that his disappearance was a hoax -- a publicity stunt.

Bobby was found in a Resort Hotel, where he had been stopping for more than twenty-four hours -- under an assumed name. During that time his publicity agent gave out the alarm that the one-time boy singing star was missing.

Breen denies the accusation of a hoax, and says, "Heaven forbid, that I should do anything like this for publicity." He says his plane was actually forced down near the Resort Hotel, and that he tried to get in touch with his press agent -- but failed.

But why did he register at the hotel under a false name? He says he did it -- to avoid publicity.

However, those irate Wisconsin officials began an investigation today, to see if they could bring criminal charges against Breen and the publicity man. The wrathful officials have in mind the arduous hunt in the frozen Wisconsin wilderness -- ground parties plowing through the snow, planes winging in the frosty air.

JESSE JONES

This next concerns the fabulous oil of Arabia-- and a game of poker. The chief personality -- Jesse Jones, the Texas Oil Magnate, who was a member of the cabinet of President Franklin D. Roosevelt. The question is as follows: If Jesse Jones can play poker until two A. M., why can't he appear as a witness in a lawsuit concerning Arabian Oil?

The case is on in a New York Federal Court, where an Oil Man, James A. Moffatt, has an eight million dollar suit against the Arabian-American Oil Company-- trying to collect for services he says he rendered in acquiring a valuable oil concession from King Ibn Saud. In this, Jesse Jones was called to testify-- concerning various international aspects of the Land of Araby and the mineral petroleum. In particular they want him to explain a note that he received in Nineteen Forty One from the Late President Roosevelt. This message reads: "Jesse -- will you tell the British I hope they can take care of the King of Saudi Arabia. This is a little far afield for us. Signed F. D. R."

This note is said to have a good deal to do with events involved in the lawsuit, but when Jesse Jones was called upon to testify, his lawyer said he was suffering from a heart condition, and could not appear. Whereupon the attorneys for the other side presented evidence to show that, at this very time, Jesse Jones was in a high stake poker game until two in the morning. If he can draw to a pair of aces, or fill a flush, why can't he answer questions on the witness stand?

The Federal Judge in New York agrees with this, a late dispatch stating: Jesse Jones required to appear in court. If you can play poker, you can talk.

And now to do a little talking let's hear from Nelson Case our Ivory ace.