


RUSSIA

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Soviet Russia announces its budget for the next year -- ~~was~~ introduced into the Red Parliament tonight, the Supreme Soviet. Interest focuses on the military expenditures which come to more than Seventy-Nine Billion Rubles. At the nominal exchange rate, this amounts to twenty billion dollars, eighteen-and-a-half percent of the total budget. Tonight ~~Stalin~~ Stalin appeared before the Supreme Soviet together with other members of the Politburo -- and received a roaring ovation. 

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The proceedings featured the usual denunciations of the United States, with claims that the Soviets have a "peace budget, ~~xi~~ while the U.S. has a "war budget."

The whole thing concluded with another ovation for Stalin.

EUROPE

In the London Parliament today, Prime Minister Attlee made a statement on the attitude of the British Labor Government toward the French plan for pooling industrial resources of western Europe. Which includes France^A-German partnership in coal and steel. Yesterday the British Labor Party rejected west European unity, political and economic, unless all the countries involved were socialist. And - turned down^{the idea of} pool^{ing} coal and steel, unless those industries ~~were nationalized~~^{were} nationalized. Such was the Socialist view of the Labor Party - and thest party controls the Labor Government. So what did Attlee say today?

Well, he was cautious and rather non-committal. He said his government would cooperate in that pooling plan - if it were developed along what Attlee called - "practical" lines. He said that, if the program for economic unity were worked out properly, the Labor Government would be glad, in Attlee's words - to "associate itself with this valuable piece of European cooperation."

Whereupon the opposition spoke up immediately. Conservative leader Winston Churchill asked the Prime Minister how these remarks of his could be "collated" with the statement issued yesterday by Attlee's own party.

The Prime Minister's reply, telling how it all "collated", was that the party document contained, in Attlee's words - "what the party considers to be the ultimate necessities of a fully developed scheme of European cooperation in this field." Which was quite a collation. A bit ambiguous, but exceedingly British - as British a collation as afternoon tea.

But what does it all mean? Well, it looks as if the Labor Government were soft-pedalling the Labor Party.

WEST GERMANY

The west German Parliament this afternoon voted to join the Council of Europe. The west Germans were offered membership in that organization of the west - and they accept. Which was only to be expected, and may not seem so exciting - but the preliminaries were.

The overture was - a riot. ~~Before the vote on the Council of Europe, the west German Parliament passed a resolution of protest against the Polish annexation of east German territory. Which annexation has been endorsed by the Red puppet government of eastern Germany. All Germans, of course, are bitterly in agreement - in resenting the loss of so much east German territory. All - except the Communists. So they, today, objected - their leader Max Reimann, making an uproar. He refused to accept the majority vote on the protest, kept on shouting - and was expelled from Parliament for thirty days.~~

Communists in an uproar;
~~When this decision was announced,~~ the Red leader, backed by his Communist followers, staged a

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rush, and seized the speaker's rostrum. They refused to leave, and there were five wild minutes - as Parliamentary police grabbed the Reds, and dragged them out, kicking and screaming.

FUGITIVE

Over in Germany, Homer Cook escaped from jail again today. The guitar strumming Oklahoma badman, whom they call "the eel", slipped out of the hoosgow once more. This makes his third escape - and the American military authorities are no end chagrined.

Cook, a former prize-fighter, served in the Army in Germany and was sent home with a dishonorable discharge. He went back, stowing away and sneaking in, to see a German girl. He was picked up, slapped in jail, and escaped. He was caught, put back in prison. - ~~and there~~ ^{then he} knocked out ^{his} German guards and ^{several} American G.I.'s, with his bare fists, and got away. Once again, they found him - and put him back behind the bars.

Known as "the eel", because of his ability to escape, he spent his time playing the guitar - Oklahoma hill-billy songs. The hope was the "the eel", would play the guitar, until his trial. He was to face the military tribunal - and there were ~~Nineteen~~ accusations against him.

But today he did it all over again, the

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ex-prizefighter ripping his cell bars out with his hands, and taking it on the lam. The M. P.'s believe he is on his way to Munich - to see the girl. He went over to Germany to visit her - and, after a previous escape, he headed in her direction. She, now, is working as a waitress at an American Army supper club. So, maybe the eel will show up - for supper.

SPAIN

There is a new drive in Congress urging better diplomatic treatment for Spain. Seven Democratic and one Republican Congressmen joined tonight in saying: "The United States should independently hold out the hand of friendship to the Spanish government and the Spanish people." The argument is, of course, that the Franco regime, whatever else it may be, is anti-Communist.

IRELAND

In Ireland, the Dublin Government minimizes the likelihood of immediate war with the British. They discount the seriousness of a fishing incident in which a British trawler captain was wounded by gunfire, when his vessel moved into Irish waters. The Irish fishermen along the coast of County Donegal are threatening to shoot at any British fishing vessel that may invade their own territory. London is inclined to take the incident seriously, but today the Irish officials called it - "A very minor matter."

The Dublin Government is similarly unexcited about the warlike plans of a fifty-five year old Dublin lawyer, Captain Cowan - and his private army. The captain says he has a military force ready to seize North Ireland, Ulster. ~~Today he declared that his army would, in his own words - "Move across the border, take control of the administration of the six occupied counties, and hand over control to the Government of the Republic."~~ He wouldn't say just when this will happen - it's to be a surprise. ~~"The Ulster Government,"~~

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~~proclaimed the captain, "will he wake up one morning,
and find its power gone."~~

~~Which does sound warlike,~~ ^{TP} But the Dublin
authorities ~~are not agitated and they gave an
explanation.~~ ~~They~~ admit that Captain Cowan has drummed
up a volunteer force, but ^{they} say it is completely
infiltrated by agents of the regular Irish Army, ~~and the
government political party.~~ "If all the agents were
withdrawn," said a Dublin official today, "Cowan
would wake up one morning and find himself practically
alone."

(So it seems the danger of war between Ireland
and England - is not without elements of Irish humor.)

JAPAN

In Japan, bad weather news - raining for the sixth straight day. Floods and landslides - with a death list of sixty thus far.

Along Lake Suwa, northwest of Tokyo, a hundred and thirty policemen were sent to prevent villagers from dynamiting a dam. A flood backed up by the barrier, is inundating farmlands, and the villagers were about to release the waters by blowing open the dam - and never mind the people down stream. The deluge would have swept down a populous valley - turning a local flood into a catastrophe. But the police stopped that.

Other news from Japan tells of - Moby Dick. A fisherman out in his boat, was trawling with a net, when he caught - a whale. Whereupon Moby Dick burst forth in all his mighty fury. With the lashing of his ponderous tail, he smashed the net, smashed the boat, and killed the fisherman.

It's an old joke to say that a fisherman caught a whale. But in Japan - it was a tragedy of the toilers of the sea.

RESCUE

Birmingham, Alabama, has a heroine tonight - seventeen year old Doris Jean Schatz, who saved a two year old boy from drowning. As the story developed today, dramatic interest focuses on the fact that the lad's father, an Army veteran, rescued men from drowning three times in the past.

In Birmingham, there's a ditch used by the city water works to carry off an overflow. Ordinarily, the ditch is dry, but at intervals there is a rush of deep, swift water from the city reservoir.

Two year old Johnny Shores was playing with his four year old sister when the water roared down through the ditch - and Johnny slipped and fell in. The little girl ran back to their nearby home, and screamed the alarm. The parents ran to the scene, as did the neighbors, but Johnny had been swept down stream. They stood in anguish, not knowing what to do - even the father, C. W. Shores, the Army veteran who, three times, had saved men from drowning.

But seventeen year old Doris was on her way -

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sprinting for three blocks through back yards and alleys, on her way to a culvert, where the rushing water went underground. Today she said: "I had a hunch the water was too swift for Johnny to just sink." She figured she would be able to head him off - at the culvert. When she got there, after a wild, running dash - sure enough, there was the two year old, bobbing up and down in the swift current. She jumped in, waded out waist deep, and carried the boy to shore.

But that was when her brave wits failed her. The child was unconscious. "I put him on some grass," says Doris. "I was taught artificial respiration in school, but I was so nervous I couldn't remember how to do it. So I just started squeezing his stomach to get the water out." Which would never have worked, and the story still would have ended in tragedy - but for the arrival of the father.

C.W. Shores, the Army veteran of rescue ~~by~~
~~from~~-drowning, knew all about artificial respiration.

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Even so, it took him forty-five minutes of hard work to revive his little son - who, this evening, is playing around once again with his four year old sister. With Doris looking on, no doubt - and smiling.

RETAKE

ISLAND

News from the South Pacific - of a mystery island. We are told of a party of scientists on their way to investigate a remote coral atoll, where the women are said to be white, and remarkably fair and lovely - and the men spend their days combing the long hair of the island beauties.

This remote South Pacific Shangri-La, they say, has been missed entirely by the intruding civilization of the white man. Even skipped by the war, which swept so far and wide in the South Pacific. *If anyone see Capt Dr. Johnson of the sailing ship Yankee, tell him about it. I'm going to know you not out very hard the Pacific.* (11)

The story is from an Australian newspaperman, George Johnston, who says he first heard of the isle of dreams, while he was covering war trials in the Admiralty Archipelago. He learned of the women who, as the dispatch quotes him, ^{have-} "Beautiful figures, similar to the girls of Bali, while their faces are reminiscent of Egyptian beauties of Cleopatra's time." Not ever having seen any Egyptian beauty of Cleopatra's time, I wouldn't know, but it sounds impressive.

But where is this paradise of hair combing?

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Three hundred miles north of New Guinea in ^{an} Archipelago named - the Western Isles. The people are called - Ninigos. So the refrain would seem to be - "the flowing tresses of my Ninigo belle in the Western Isles."

However, this nostalgic South Sea romance drew some cooler comment, when Australian scientists heard about it today. They have their doubts about the fair beauties, and the hair combing - although they admit that the Ninigos have a light complexion. This, they think is because of a mixture of the natives with Chinese - and German?

During the years before the First World War, the Germans held great island possessions in those parts of the South Pacific - later taken over by the Japanese. So a few blond Germans on the mystery island, in times gone by, might account for the light complexion.

Or, if you want to be really romantic, you might suppose that the Lorelei of the Rhine, who was always combing her golden hair, might, have been

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transported to the Western Isles of the Southern Sea.

That

~~And~~ it's she they're talking about - with tropical

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islanders on a coral reef spending their days, combing

the golden hair of the Lorelei, *Nelson.*

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